

# TOOLBOX TALK, December 9th, 2024.

## Toy Drive:

Our annual toy drive to benefit "Toys for Tots" is under way. Turn in donations at your jobsite or the main office before December 16th so we can deliver them on time for holidays. Your generosity makes a difference for kids who may otherwise go without.

## Training:

Both the Carpenter's and Taper's training pages can be found on [www.fsstools.com](http://www.fsstools.com) under the Training Schedules tab. Click on the tab and you'll have a choice of Carpenter's or Taper's. We're hoping for increased trainings in the new year.

## Caution/Danger

If you're uncertain about using these signs let's, take a minute to remember which is which and when to use them.

### Caution:

- Yellow caution tape and signs warn of potential minor hazards but are not used to control access to an area.
- The signal word(s) must be readable at a minimum distance of five feet, or such greater distance as warranted by the hazard.
- Caution tape and signs should be printed black on yellow and should be readable from a safe distance from the hazard.

### Danger:

- Red danger tape and signs, indicate hazards that, if not avoided, will result in serious injury or death. Their use should be limited to the most *extreme* situations.
- Red danger signs must be printed black on red and must be easy to read and indicate the nature of the hazard. For instance, DANGER HIGH VOLTAGE, or DANGER OPEN HOLE.
- When using danger tape, the tape, must completely enclose the hazard and must have signs on any face of the enclosure that could provide access to the dangerous area.
- Signs must indicate start and end times, along with the company name and the contact person/phone number for the specific job where access control is in place.
- Never use danger tape unless there is a life-threatening danger that cannot be controlled by any other means.
- When we see danger tape with danger signs, we must not enter the area that is identified as dangerous, without permission from the owner of the controlled area.
- Entering a controlled area without permission, is considered a "fatal five" violation which is not only dangerous but calls for discipline and/or immediate dismissal.

Understanding these signs could save lives. If there's a doubt about a controlled area, ask before taking any action that could expose you to danger.

### Innovation rewards:

A useful innovation could earn a \$25 gift card along with a chance to win a \$250 prize. Your innovations drive positive change and influence how efficient and safe we are.

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