TOOLBOX TALK, August 5th, 2024.

Safety Committee

We're still looking for people interested in serving on the Safety Committee. Please let your foreman know or talk to Toby or David if you'd like to join. Safety Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month to review incidents and make suggestions to improve policies and procedures.

Summer Picnic

Katie has sent out emails to everyone about the company picnic on August 24th at Oaks Park. Please respond quickly to tell her if you're coming and how many people you plan to bring. It's important to be clear about how many ride bracelets, and how many adult or kid lunches you need. Let us know how many are coming to the picnic and how many 48" or taller or 48" or shorter bracelets you'll need.

Lock Out Tag Out

Last week we discovered we were working in a situation that should have been controlled using Lock Out Tag Out procedures.

In this case a scaffold had been set up on a turntable designed to turn semi-trucks around in a parking garage. The turntable could be locked by the building security team, but we had no control over the power to the turntable and were not clear about the safety protocols. If a worker was on the scaffold and the turntable started moving, we could easily have had a dangerous caught-between situation occur, so the hazard of activation needed to be controlled.

Lock Out Tag Out situations don't come up very often in our work, but we must be aware when harmful energy could be released. Whenever we're exposed to a situation where a mechanism, we're working near could put us in danger, we must have our lock on the switch that controls the mechanism.

The most common types of hazardous energy are:

- Electrical - power lines, open circuits during demolition, cut or damaged electrical cords, energized equipment where guards or switches are not controlled.
- Mechanical - Rotating equipment, machines that are stuck of stopped by something unknown.
- Hydraulic - Faulty lines on aerial lifts or forklifts, liquid pressure driven equipment.
- Nematic - Air driven equipment, high pressure air lines (Compressors).
- Gravitational - Objects balanced overhead, items that could fall from height to a lower level.

Controlling potentially harmful energy is an important part of being safe on the job. When we write our pre-task plans, we must be aware of potential harmful energy and make sure we've controlled it before starting work.

What kind of hazardous energy might you encounter on this job?
Who should you talk to when you recognize a potential hazard?

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