



TOOLBOX TALK 44/60

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TOPIC: WATER HYGIENE

OBJECTIVE: TO ENSURE SAFE DRINKING WATER FOR LABOUR

DO'S :

1. Ensure that containers used for storing and transporting water have been cleaned properly prior to being used for storage of water.
2. Ensure that water containers were not previously used for the storage of chemicals and/or poisonous substances.
3. Ensure that water containers are kept in a cool place when infield.
4. Water containers should be clearly marked
5. Water from an unknown source infield should first be boiled and cooled, before being used to refill water containers.
6. Water may also be made safe for drinking, by adding 1 teaspoon of Jik to 25 liters of water, or by adding a chemical water purification powder to the water.

DON'TS :

1. Do not use containers that have previously been used for storage of chemicals or poison.
2. Do not attempt to refill water containers from unknown sources infield, as far as possible.
3. Do not store water containers near other chemical, fuel or fertilizer containers infield.

CONSEQUENCES :

1. Illness ranging from mild abdominal discomfort to severe debilitating disease as a result of drinking contaminated water.
2. Possible poisoning from contaminated containers.