

TOOLBOX TALK 18/60

TOPIC: TAKING CHANCES

OBJECTIVE: TO ENSURE WORKERS UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES OF TAKING CHANCES AT THE WORK PLACE

We all know that accidents often occur because someone has not thought things through, has decided to short cut or just generally taking a chance.

Am I asking for trouble?

Why not encourage people to always asks the question “Am I asking for trouble?” when they:

- Climb a ladder while trying to carry a lot of tools by hand
- Jump out of a truck or from a piece of heavy equipment
- Operate heavy equipment or travel in vehicles without wearing safety belts
- Don't wear eye protection when chipping, grinding, or cutting
- Don't wear the right PPE even for a “quick job”
- Lifting something by yourself when more than one person or mechanical equipment should do it
- Take a short cut to get home earlier
- Taking a chance...

REMIND YOUR TEAM TO USE COMMON SENSE AND THINK BEFORE THEY ACT

Questions you can use to get them talking:

- How are workers asking for trouble on this job?
- What can each of us do to prevent trouble from happening?
- Has anyone ever had an accident involving someone who was just taking a chance?

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