

## Jason Mechanical Corp

# Tool Box Safety Talk

### Accident Prevention

How can we prevent accidents at the workplace? First and foremost, there must be a commitment to safety from both management and employees. Part of management's commitment to safety is to assess and reassess the workplace environment to determine what hazards exist and what training, engineering controls, job procedures, and/or personal protective equipment is required to eliminate the hazards.

These scheduled Safety Meetings are designed to keep all of us thinking about safety concepts in general, as well as focus on specific topics that are applicable at the workplace. You must think in terms of safety at all times because one lax moment can cause a lifetime of pain, suffering, or even death to yourself or a co-worker.

Do not take chances or attempt any job you are not trained to do. Understand what risks are involved and what methods are appropriate for eliminating the risks.

Knowledge is your first line of defense in accident prevention. Are you aware of labels and Safety Data Sheets? Do you know where to find them? Do you use the appropriate personal protective equipment? Does it fit properly? Are you aware of the dangers of falling from any height? Do you know how to prevent falls? Do you know how to eliminate fire hazards? Do you know where the fire extinguishers are and how to use them? Do you check ladders, extension cords, and equipment before using? Do you know what to do if they are faulty? This line of questioning could go on and on, but it boils down to this: do you know how to perform your job in a safe manner and do you know where to find the answers to your safety related questions?

If you have questions, ask! If you are unsure of a procedure, ask!

Do not be lulled into complacency. Because an accident does not happen when an unsafe act is committed does not mean an accident will not happen in the future. In fact, over time, disregard for safety rules will lead to an accident – it's almost a sure bet! Basically, one must always be alert and aware.

Safety rules and procedures are generally easy to understand. Why are they repeated over and over? The answer is simple. Accidents at the workplace can be prevented only if all persons think and act in terms of "safety" all the time. During our Safety Meetings, a specific safety subject will be covered in depth. However, should any employee have a safety concern about any subject, this will be addressed immediately. If the answer to a specific question is not known, it will be researched and the answer given to all employees as soon as possible.

Remember: Think Safety!

