

TOOLBOX TALK 030 – Starting the New Year Safely



As we start the new year, it's a good time to reset and remind ourselves that **nothing we do is more important than going home safe every day**. New year means new goals, new schedules, and sometimes new people or tasks—but safety standards do not change.

Key Safety Reminders



1. Stay Focused

- After the holidays, distractions and fatigue are common.
- Take a moment before each task to think it through.
- If you're tired, stressed, or unsure—slow down and speak up.



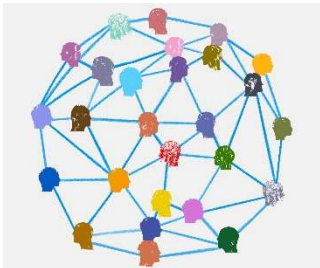
2. Follow Procedures

- Use the correct tools for the job.
- Never skip steps to “save time.”
- Lockout/tagout, PPE, and job-specific procedures are there for a reason.



3. Wear Correct PPE

- Overalls, gloves, eye protection, and boots must be worn as required.
- PPE only works if you actually use it correctly.



4. Watch Out for Each Other

- If you see an unsafe act or condition, say something.
- Safety is a team responsibility—not just management's job.



5. Report Hazards and Near Misses

- Small issues become big accidents if ignored.
- Reporting helps prevent injuries before they happen.

New Year Commitment

Let's commit to:

- Working safely every day
- Speaking up about hazards
- Looking out for ourselves and our coworkers
- Ending the year injury-free

Remember: No job is so urgent that it can't be done safely.