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TOOL BOX TALK – POWER TOOL SAFETY February 27, 2023

The Bureau of Labor & Statistics reports that every year in the U.S., power tool injuries result in approximately 400,000 emergency room visits, including both work and non-work-related incidents. More than 22,000 of these power tool accidents involve workers using nail guns. A power drill if used in the wrong manner can sometimes break your wrist.

Many of those occurrences are caused by misusing tools and unsafe work practices largely due lack of proper training and overall experience using the tools. When used correctly and with the proper safety measures, you can significantly reduce and/or eliminate the chance of an accident.

To prevent hazards associated with the use of power tools workers should observe the following general precautions:

- Never carry a tool by the cord
- Never yank the cord or the hose to disconnect it from the receptacle
- Keep cords and hoses away from heat, oil, and sharp edges
- Disconnect tools when not using them, before servicing and cleaning them, and when changing accessories such as blades, bits, and cutters
- DO NOT cut the ground off the plug
- Make sure cord is not cut or damaged. Replace ASAP. NO ELECTRIC TAPE
- Avoid accidental starting
 - Do not hold fingers on the switch button while carrying a plugged-in tool
- Maintain tools with care; keep them sharp and clean for best performance
- Follow instructions in the user’s manual for lubricating and changing accessories
- Be sure to keep good footing and maintain good balance when operating power tools
- Wear proper apparel for the task
 - Loose clothing, ties, or jewelry can become caught in moving parts
- Remove all damaged portable electric tools from use and tag them: “Do Not Use”
- Never remove, disable or pin back a guard
 - It is there for yours and others safety

HR/Safety Meetings March 2nd and March 9th

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