

Tool Safety: Safe Use of Tools

Why?

The purpose of this talk is to promote the safe use of tool for the job task to prevent accidents and injuries in the workplace.

What?

- ✓ Only use approved tools and tools you have been trained on.
- ✓ Always use the correct tool for the specific task and do not use excessive force or pressure on tools.
- ✓ When using tools, such as knives, saws, or other cutting devices, always direct the tool away from body parts and any other personnel in the area to prevent contact.



Questions

Open-ended questions

- What steps do you take to ensure safe tool use?
- What can happen if you do not use tools safely?
- Why do we need to train employees prior to using tools?



Experience-based questions

- Have you ever witnessed a situation where someone did not use the correct tool? What happened, and what was the outcome?
- Can you share an example of when following safe tool use prevented a serious incident?
- Have you ever worked in a situation where safe tool use was not emphasized? How did that impact safety?



What would you do?-questions

- If you see a colleague not using a tool safely- how would you address the situation?
- You are assigned a task that involves using a tool, but you are unsure how to use it safely and forgot your training. What should you do before starting?
- If you hear someone say, "that bolt is on really tight," how would you remind them not to use excessive force - what else could you do?



Spot the improvement-questions

- What are the main reasons people do not use tool safely? How can we make them easier to comply with?
- What improvements could be made to ensure that everyone fully understands and remembers how to use tools safely?
- How can we create a stronger culture where everyone feels comfortable reinforcing safe tool use with their colleagues?

