

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Falling Objects

On construction jobsites, workers are hit and injured by falling objects on a frequent basis. A great many workers are struck by mortar, bricks, scraps of lumber, tools and other materials. When these materials fall they build up speed. Combined with their weight, a strike to the head can mean death. Every construction jobsite has falling object hazards. Do your part to keep others on the jobsite safe from the hazards of falling objects.

### WORKSAFE TIPS

#### HOUSEKEEPING RULES:

- Hard hats must be worn whenever falling objects may be present.
  - Hard hats will protect the head from falling objects like small chunks of brick, mortar, scraps and small hand tools.
  - Remember that a hard hat cannot protect your shoulders, arms and feet.
  - Remember also that hard hats do not protect against large falling objects.
  - Take extra care to make sure objects will not fall from scaffolding or other work platforms.
  - Clean up the work area often.
  - Do not throw waste or scrap off of the roof or scaffold without a trash chute. Use a waste receptacle that can be removed by a forklift or other machine.
  - Use trash chutes to contain trash that is thrown to trash containers on lower levels.
  - Keep safety lanyards on tools that may fall.
  - Do not hang power tools by cords off of handrails.
  - Horseplay is not allowed.
  - Do not allow workers in areas where objects may fall.
  - Block off areas to protect others from falling object hazards.
  - Use toe boards on scaffolding & areas with guardrails.
  - Pay attention to what is going on around you, particularly when cranes and machines are lifting materials on the jobsite.
  - Overhead loads are dangerous.
  - Stand clear of overhead loads.
- Employees must not work in areas where materials are loaded and unloaded.
  - Use only safe rigging, hooks and slings when lifting loads.
  - Warn others when a load may be lifted overhead.
  - Move from the area until the load has been placed.

#### TRASH CHUTES KEEP FALLING WASTE FROM FLYING OUT, AWAY & INTO WORKERS.



**Note: Bricks and waste that have been thrown from scaffold.**



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