

TOOL BOX TALKS

Retail Slips & Trips: Texting and Walking

Have you ever noticed that people that text while walking aren't paying attention to their path? Do these people ever walk out in front of vehicles? Do they ever trip over things? Could texting and walking be a distraction that people must manage, just like they would manage texting and driving? If you're at work, minimize texting and smart phone use. Pay attention to your job and the walking path.

WORKSAFE TIPS

- Did you know that robbers will target people using cell phones? Why? Because they're distracted and do not notice the perpetrator.
- When at work, minimize personal use of phones, texting or internet use.
- Pay attention to your walking path.
- Think about how many lost work hours are due to the personal use of cell phones at work.
- A large number of accidents were caused by cell phone use when working with machines or equipment.
- A distracted employee could walk out in front of a forklift or truck.
- Cell phone use while in a plant or manufacturing location can limit your ability to hear machines, warning alarms or forklifts.
- Many companies are banning all cell phone use while on company business.
- Construction companies are banning cell phones on the jobsite for all employees except foremen.
- Do not text or use cell phones when driving.



Texting and walking:
Poor footwear, walker not scanning the path.



Pedestrian not scanning path.



Cell phone and walking.
Walker not paying attention to path.



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