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Something to Think About!!

Congratulations To Joe Zygas, the Top Mixer Driver in the United States! Joe recently won the National Championship. He drives out of W. Lafayette, IN.

Let's Not Fall into Fall!

Why is fall protection important?

Falls are among the most common causes of serious work related injuries and deaths. The workplace must be set up so that employees are prevented from falling off of overhead platforms, elevated work stations or into holes in the floor and walls. The workplace must be free of trip and slip hazards.

What can be done to reduce falls?

The first step is to be engaged in your own safety and start every task by taking an honest look at the workplace and eliminating the potential for falls. Remember that there can be falls from heights and also falls on level surfaces. Each requires different considerations, but being aware and safety conscious applies to both.

To prevent injuries from falls from heights:

- Don't get in a hurry!
- Guard every floor hole into which a worker can accidentally walk (using a railing and toe-board or a floor hole cover).
- Provide a guard rail and toe-board around every elevated open sided platform, floor or runway.
- Regardless of height, if a worker can fall into or onto dangerous machines or equipment (such as a vat or acid or a conveyor belt) guardrails and toe-boards must be provided to prevent workers from falling and getting injured.

- Other means of fall protection that may be required on certain jobs include safety harness and line, safety nets, stair railings and hand rails.
 - Use **Three Points of Contact** when climbing.
 - Never jump from one level to another.
- To prevent injuries from falls on the same level:
- Housekeeping, housekeeping, housekeeping!
 - Don't get in a hurry.
 - Return hoses, tools, etc. to their proper storage location.
 - Maintain walking and working surfaces as dry as possible. Control icy conditions immediately.
 - Clean up spills immediately.
 - Maintain well defined walkways with adequate lighting.
 - Wear appropriate boots/shoes with non-slip soles.
 - In traffic patterns, mark minor changes in elevation with bright colors or signs.

We had a tragedy in the imi family within the last year that involved a fall. A miner at one of our sand & gravel operations fell from the bottom step of a haul truck and struck his head. A medical condition contributed to his death, but the fall and striking his head, which lead to bleeding on the brain and his passing a week later, was the trigger. It doesn't have to be a fall of a great distance to have significant consequences!



Let Safety Reign as King in 2015



