

MOCGA Tailgate Talk

Death by Fall



Introduction: Aside from vehicle collisions, jobsite falls are the 2nd most common way to be killed on the job. Ladders are one of the most dangerous tools on a construction jobsite. Bucket trucks are a safer alternative. But bucket trucks can tip over, collapse or contact overhead power lines. Make sure your coworkers take fall protection seriously. Survey each jobsite for fall hazards, and make sure employees are equipped correctly. Wear your fall protection gear. Correct unsafe acts and conditions immediately!

BE SAFE!

- ✓ Nobody comes to work planning to fall.
- ✓ We're not as "sure-footed" as we think we are, and we can't just "reach out and catch ourselves" if we fall.
- ✓ Remember that coworkers are always the "first responders" to a workplace injury.
- ✓ Safety is important because nobody on the jobsite is mentally prepared to handle watching their coworker die or bleed to death after a fall.
- ✓ No amount of first aid training can fully prepare you to care for a worker that has suffered multi-systems trauma including severe traumatic head injuries.
- ✓ Start work on each new jobsite SAFELY!
- ✓ Make sure coworkers work SAFELY!
- ✓ Jobsite falls can be prevented through fall protection practices like guardrails & personal fall arrest systems.
- ✓ Wear a harness and short lanyard when in scissor lifts, boom lifts or bucket trucks. Close gates & stay on the floor. Don't overreach or overload booms.
- ✓ Scissor lifts can fall over, and boom lifts & bucket booms can whip, throwing out the operator.
- ✓ Never stand on a scissor lift or boom lift guardrail.
- ✓ Ladders are extremely dangerous. Set ladders up properly and don't carry too much up. Always use three-points of contact.

**USE THE CORRECT LADDER.
SELECT A LADDER THAT'S THE CORRECT HEIGHT.
USE 3 POINTS OF CONTACT!**



**TO PREVENT KICKOUT, MAKE SURE LADDERS
ARE SET UP ON A SAFE, STABLE BASE!**



**HEED ALL MACHINE WARNING LABELS. NEVER
LIFT ANYONE WITH AN EXCAVATOR BUCKET!**



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PARTICIPANT NAMES	
SAFETY MEETING NOTES	