

Tool Box Talk #3 Jobsite Vehicle Best Practices:

Phoenix job Conduct best practices pertaining to jobsite vehicles:



- The use cell phones, and electronic devices is permissible only with hands-free (AZ state law) while operating a motor vehicle or equipment on site.
- High Visibility clothing when operating and working with mobile equipment (Forklifts, tractors, skid steers....)
- All vehicles to be legally parked on the street.
- Set a maximum speed limit on site. (11 MPH)
- Operators only on machinery. No riders allowed
- No riders in or on truck beds. All occupants must have a seat and seatbelt.
- Traffic – Only work behind City approved and professionally installed barricading.

According to the Department of Labor, one in four fatalities are listed as ‘struck by vehicle’. Jobsite safety, especially as it relates to vehicles and equipment, is essential in creating a safe workplace. In addition to the best practices in Phoenix job conduct, below are a few additional areas of focus:

- Posting dumpster pick up schedules can help allow for clear access and avoid the rushed need to reposition vehicles
- Identifying designated parking areas for trade professionals is helpful especially on concrete pour days or roof truss set days when mixer trucks, pumper trucks and roof truss cranes are present
- Safety cones draw additional attention to vehicle operators when equipment or material may be in the street

- Be aware of trade professionals that may be crossing the road, entering and exiting between vehicles.
- Avoid driving in the gutter between the curb and the asphalt where sharp objects like nails and screws accumulate
- Always use a spotter when moving large loads that may obstruct the operators view as well as anytime driving in reverse.

Vehicle and equipment inspections are also best practices. OSHA states “ At the beginning of each shift, all vehicles that will be used must be inspected to assure that they are in safe and operating condition and free of apparent damage that could lead to an accident. All defects must be corrected before the vehicle is placed in service. See checklist below:

Inspect the following parts, equipment, and accessories:

- Service brakes, including trailer brake connections
- Parking system (hand brake)
- Emergency stopping system (emergency brake)
- Tires
- Coupling devices
- Seat belts
- Horn
- Steering mechanism
- Operating controls
- Safety devices

Additional items if necessary:

- Lights
- Reflectors
- Defrosters
- Windshield wipers
- Fire extinguishers

