

SAFETY TAIL GATE MEETINGS

INFORMAL GROUP SAFETY DISCUSSIONS

WHY SAFETY TAIL GATE MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT

- **According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**

5,283 workers died on the job in 2023

The construction industry had the most fatalities (1,075) among all industries

Falls, slips and trips accounted for more than 39% of the deaths

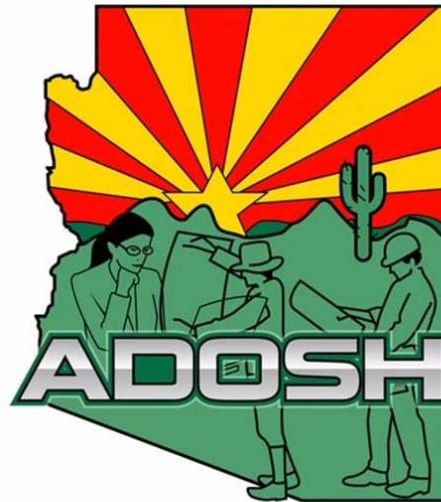
2,600,000 workers sustained a reportable injury at work in the same year



IS HUMAN ERROR TO BLAME FOR UP TO 90% OF WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS?

Top Ten Construction Hazards

- 1. Hazard Communication
- 2. Fall Protection
- 3. PPE
- 4. Fall Protection Training
- 5. Electrical Hazards
- 6. Training
- 7. Scaffold
- 8. Ladders
- 9. Excavation and Trenching
- 10. Forklift – Rough Terrain



Protection of life, health, safety and welfare of Arizona's most valuable assets.



SOME COMMON CAUSES OF HUMAN ERROR

- Fatigue
- Distraction
- Boredom from repetitive tasks
- Insufficient or no safety training on the work task
- Poor working environments
- Equipment not being checked or maintained

CREW, TEAM SIZE SAFETY MEETINGS



- These small group meetings are opportunities to share new requirements, discuss past near misses, complete individual hands on training and introduce new team members for the crew to watch over as they progress.
- Documentation of these trainings will assist in any ADOSH/OSHA requests of initial and ongoing training.

LARGE GROUP SAFETY MEETINGS



- Annual meetings like a Safety Stand Down or a new Community Kick-Off Meeting are opportunities to share messages about safe work practices.
- Additionally it offers the attendees the opportunity to meet others they work alongside on the job-site.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DISCUSS RESTRICTED AREAS OR TO CHECK YOUR SAFETY GEAR?



INFORMAL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

- Alerting team members to hazards associated with the daily task ahead
- Checking tools and equipment before they're put into use
- Opportunity for all team members to raise concerns or ask questions'
- A time to brainstorm possible safe solutions to challenges encountered
- Keep the discussions short (10-15 minutes)
- Make it a habit that they are done regularly to avoid complacency or to discuss a new challenge
- Take advantage of the knowledge and experience of team members who have done the job before
- Strongly encourage questions and input

SOME RESOURCES

- <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/construction/toolboxtalks/default.html>
- https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/SHP_Better-Safety-Conversations.pdf
- <https://www.hbaca.org/safety/>
- <https://www.nahb.org/advocacy/industry-issues/safety-and-health/safety-365/video-toolbox-talks#sort=%40created%20descending>
- https://www.toolboxtopics.com/menu_constuction.html
- <https://www.osha.gov/publications/bytype/quickcards>