

ROAD

IDEAS FOR FALL PREVENTION

TOP OF MIND TIPS FROM SEAA'S SAFETY DIRECTORS

RESEARCH

Work with your manufacturers' reps to test new equipment and provide feedback on new fall prevention products.

Jeremy McAllister, Gardner-Watson Decking, Florida

Use a training tower to conduct drop tests of equipment and provide rescue training to employees.

Ed Valencia, Derr & Gruenewald Construction, Colorado

AWARENESS

Planning is essential to creating awareness. Superintendents should think through production, quality, and safety goals the day before the next day's Pre-Task and JHA meeting. Use that plan to prompt reminders for situational awareness of hazards.

Situational awareness is key to keeping teams safe on jobsites. Encourage workers to create habits for assessing and reacting to hazards throughout the day. New trades on the site, changing weather, material delivery, equipment setup, etc.

Kris McLean, High Plains Steel Services, Colorado

DELIVERY

Choose specific topics to review with workers that relate to your typical activities. Examples include safe loading or unloading of trailers, wind hazards for operating MEWPs, utilizing elevated lifelines, etc.

Communicate with primary contractors regarding specific working conditions. For example, bridge deck jobs with fall distances between 6 ft and 17.5 ft presents challenges. At those heights, retractable lifelines can be problematic. Calculate full extension of retractable and maximum fall distance and communicate the safety concerns to the primary contractor.

Jason Zyla, Shelby Erectors, Florida

There will always be someone who thinks they are invincible and unhook for some reason. Deter this by making safety personal. Share successes and failures. Talk about personal wins outside of work to remind employees that work is a means to an end. Allow workers to share pictures of family or other people or things that are important to them so they remember what's at stake.

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