Don’t Fall Down on the Job…So You Think Safety is Common Sense?
Why Don’t We Listen?

• We all learned about safety as growing up
• Parents, teachers, educational television
• When you stand on a chair…what does that “Voice” in your head say?
• Why do we go ahead and stand on the chair?
• Teach ourselves and others to listen to that “Voice”
Consider...

“The majority - 85% of a workers’ effectiveness is determined by their environment and only minimally by their own skill”

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Do You Know…

Falls are the most common accident in agriculture? Falls often result in serious injuries or death. Falls of just 12 feet can kill you. Many falls occur because of slips and trips and can be avoided by wearing proper shoes and following safe work procedures.
Fatalities in Agriculture

• In 2011, 570 agricultural workers died from work-related injuries

• The leading cause of death for farmworkers between 1992 and 2009 was tractor overturns, accounting for over 90 deaths annually. The most effective way to prevent tractor overturn deaths is the use of Roll-Over Protective Structures
Portable Ladders

- Ladders used to gain access to a roof or other area must extend at least 3 feet above the point of support.
- Withdraw defective ladders from service and tag or mark "Dangerous, Do Not Use."
- Never use ladders in a horizontal position as scaffolds or work platforms.
- Never use metal ladders near electrical equipment.
- Consider the use of a Stabilizer.
Ladder Angle
Portable Rung and Cleat Ladders

1910.25(d)(2)(i)
Portable rung and cleat ladders shall, where possible, be used at such a pitch that the horizontal distance from the top support to the foot of the ladder is one-quarter of the working length of the ladder.
Slips and Falls

• Ensure proper footwear is worn for the job
• Eliminate trip hazards where possible
• If hazards can’t be eliminated then WARN
• Consider external aids such as “Yaktrax”
Injuries to Extremities

• Consider hand protection whenever possible
• Wear long sleeves
• Wear appropriate chaps, headgear, ear and eye protection when using chainsaws
• Keep extremities inside XUV’s, tractors or any other transport vehicle
Eye Protection

• Consider polycarbonate lens and other safety features when purchasing prescription glasses
• Understand the PPE requirements of any chemicals you are using...see SDS
• Use Consider face shields here required and consider when not required
• Ensure there are adequate eyewash options
Three Point Contact

• Always have two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand in contact with ladder rungs, stair railings, truck/tractor grab bars, etc.
Don’t Forget the Outside!

- Filling and patching cracks and holes.
- Repairing and eliminating raised areas due to tree roots, settling, cold weather (frost heaves) and ordinary wear-and-tear.
- Reducing surface water by directing roof drainage away from sidewalks and parking areas.
- Clearing sidewalks/parking areas of snow/ice before employees and guests arrive.
- Centering and securing parking stoppers.
- Painting or staining parking stoppers near entrances "safety yellow" to improve visibility.
How about Personal Protective Equipment?

- Wear the proper hand protection
- Will “save your skin”
- Have it available at work...work station, vehicle, dispensers or cabinets
- Have it available at home...car, garage, basement
- Keep it clean
It’s Gotta’ Be Da’ Shoes!

• Examine the Outsole Pattern
• Note the Space and Depth of the Tread
• Monitor the Tread Depth of your Shoes with Wear
• Choose the Right Shoe for the Right Environment
• Slip Resistance is also dependent on the composition of the sole.
Summary

• Slips, trips, and falls constitute the majority of incidents/accidents
• Keeping working surfaces clean, dry, and uncluttered can prevent many workplace accidents
• Wearing appropriate personal protective equipment consistently
• Listen to your “VOICE”!
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