

## TOOLBOX TALK 20/60

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TOPIC: TAKING CHANCES

OBJECTIVE: TO ENSURE WORKERS UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES OF TAKING CHANCES AT THE WORK PLACE



*Easiest way to conduct and document your safety meetings!*

### → Some things to know before you give your talk:



As a supervisor, you know that accidents occur because we have not thought things through before starting work.

### → Think about whether your crew asks the question “am I asking for trouble?” when they:



Climb a ladder while trying to carry a lot of tools by hand



Jump out of a truck or from a piece of heavy equipment



Operate heavy equipment or travel in vehicles without wearing safety belts



Don't wear eye protection when chipping, grinding or cutting



Try to lift something by themselves when more than one person or mechanical equipment should do it



Not complying with the 100m rule.



You can think of other examples from your experiences. Remind your crew to use common sense and the benefit of their training to make decisions that result in safe completion of their work. Tell them that if they ever feel they don't have necessary information to make the right decision, they should ask for help.

### → Try this for show and tell!



Review some recent accidents and discuss how they could have been avoided. Get the crew to agree that at least some were the result of taking chances.

### → Questions you can use to get them talking:



How are workers asking for trouble on this job?



What can each of us do to prevent trouble from happening?



Has anyone ever had an accident or know of one involving someone who was just asking for trouble?

