Toolbox Safety Talks

Equipment Maintenance
(Bins & Hoppers)

1) What are the hazards involved with maintenance on bins, hoppers, silos, and tanks?
   a. Entrapment
      i. Lacerations
      ii. Fractures
      iii. Suffocation
      iv. Death

2) What hazards should be recognized?
   a. Equipment not locked out
   b. Working out of sight and alone
   c. Confined spaces

3) What safe practices should be used?
   a. Post a guard at the access to dumps
   b. Post a guard at high traffic areas
   c. Wear a safety belt or harness with a lifeline for both the worker and the guard
   d. Use lockout/tagout, no exceptions
   e. Communicate with all employees on site prior to starting maintenance

4) How do we guard hoppers, surge piles, silos, and similar places while we work on them?
5) Who can explain our lockout/tagout procedures?
6) Does everyone have their own locks and tags? If no, what do we need?
7) How do we communicate with all employees prior to starting maintenance?
8) Has anyone ever had an incident or near miss while working in one of these areas?
9) Does everyone have a safety belt or harness?
10) Do we have any areas considered a confined space?
11) What are our confined space procedures?
Make Time for Safety, Everyday! – Yes, production is important, but the focus must be on Safe Production! Keep that in the back of your mind. Don’t take risky chances and stay out of harm’s way. Nobody goes to work thinking ‘I’m going to get hurt or killed on the job today!’ But every day 15,000-17,000 workers suffer disabling injuries on the job and another 11-17 are killed. What are you doing to make sure it doesn’t happen on your shift?

Keep stoking the fire; we can’t let the 'Safety Train' run out of steam!

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