



Toolbox Safety Talks

Trailer Hitches

- 1)** What are the hazards/injuries involved with trailer hitches?
 - a. Finger pinches
 - b. Back strains
 - c. Equipment damage
 - d. Danger to coworkers and public

- 2)** What hazards should be recognized?
 - a. Weight capacities
 - b. Ball sizes
 - c. Pinch points
 - d. Lifting techniques
 - e. Additional safety measures

- 3)** What safe practices should be used when working with trailer hitches?
 - a. Always know the hitch and trailer capacity. Never overload
 - b. Be wary of the ball size needed for the trailer you are using. Many accidents occur when too small a ball is used
 - c. Make sure hands and fingers are clear before lowering trailer onto the hitch
 - d. Use mechanical means where possible to hook a trailer onto a hitch. Always use proper lifting techniques when lifting a trailer
 - e. Never ride a hitch to see if it is working
 - f. Always use safety chains after hooking up a trailer to a hitch

- 4)** Can someone demonstrate to me proper lifting techniques?
- 5)** Why should you cross your safety chains?
- 6)** What is the condition of our hitches and trailers? Do any need replaced or repaired?
- 7)** Has anyone had an incident or near miss while working with hitches and trailers?
- 8)** Can someone tell me the weight rating of our hitches?
- 9)** Are there any other safety concerns you would like to address?



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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!

Date Presented: _____

Presented By: _____

Attendance Sheet
