



# Toolbox Safety Talks

## Portable Generators

- 1)** What are the hazards involved with portable generators?
  - a. Shock and electrocution
  - b. Exhaust – carbon monoxide
  - c. Fires
  
- 2)** What hazards should you look for prior to using a portable generator?
  - a. Fuel lines
  - b. Dry storage area
  - c. Damaged extension cords
  - d. GFCI
  - e. Fuel storage and procedures
  
- 3)** What safe practices should be used when operating a portable generator?
  - a. Inspect portable generators for damage or loose fuel lines that may have been incurred during transportation or handling
  - b. Keep the generator dry
  - c. Maintain and operate portable generators in accordance with the manufacturer's use and safety instructions
  - d. Never attach a generator directly to the electrical system of a structure (home, office, or trailer) unless the generator has a properly installed transfer switch. (Such a connection creates a risk of electrocution for utility workers)
  - e. Always plug electrical appliances directly into the generator using the manufacturer's supplied cords. Use undamaged heavy-duty extension cords that are grounded (3-pronged)
  - f. Use GFCI's in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
  - g. Before refueling, shut down the generator
  - h. Never operate a generator in an enclosed area
  - i. Never place a generator outside near doors, windows, or vents.
  
- 4)** Do we have any generators that are in need of repair or maintenance
- 5)** Do we always plug our generators into a GFCI outlet?
- 6)** Has anyone ever experienced carbon monoxide poisoning?
- 7)** Has anyone had an accident near-miss while working with a portable generator?
- 8)** Can someone explain what items you should visibly inspect prior to use?



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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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Attendance Sheet
