



# 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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