

# Toolbox Talk

## 11. Construction



### What?

- The word “Construction” is defined within the construction regulations and essentially covers project type activities involving both new works and refurbishment. Special conditions apply to this type of work because of the constantly changing environment and the risks created by the nature of the activities associated with demolition and building

### Why?

- Million of people work in the construction industry, making it one of the country’s biggest industries, however is also one of the most dangerous
- Many construction activities are high risk such as work at height, excavation, demolition, confined space entry, work on or near asbestos, traffic movement etc. and unless strictly controlled can result in fatalities or serious accidents

### Do



- ✓ Attend an appropriate site induction
- ✓ Read, understand and follow the site rules
- ✓ Carry out activity risk assessments
- ✓ Develop a safe system of work (method statement)
- ✓ Have a copy of the site rules available
- ✓ Look out for plant and vehicle movement
- ✓ Put on high visibility clothing
- ✓ Wear a hard hat, suitable safety footwear and other appropriate PPE
- ✓ Keep within your immediate work area
- ✓ Seek advice before entering other areas
- ✓ Keep eyes and mind on task

### Don't



- ✗ Enter construction sites unless authorised
- ✗ Interfere with plant or equipment
- ✗ Use faulty or damaged equipment
- ✗ Work at height unless authorised
- ✗ Bring things onto site without permission
- ✗ Take short cuts
- ✗ Ignore site rules or procedures



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