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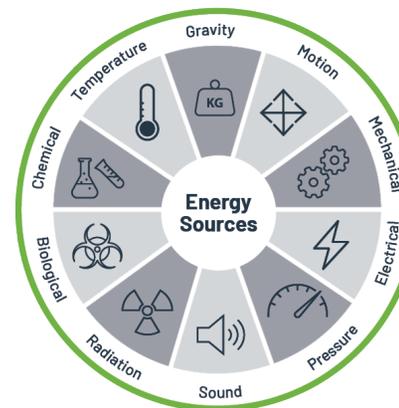
This year's Construction Safety Week was a display of industry-wide solidarity in safety. It underscored that every stakeholder has a critical role in building a safer work environment. Throughout the week, we explored how a deeper engagement, a mindset of continuous improvement, mutual accountability and collaboration between trade industry partners can make a difference. The three pillars of Recognize, Respond, and Respect provided a framework for addressing the persistent challenge of serious injuries and fatalities (SIFs) within the industry. We will now cover how we can utilize the pillars to address the hazards that are present on jobsites.



Recognize

Early hazard recognition is critical to enabling timely implementation of effective controls on project sites. It is essential that project hazards are recognized far before the project begins so proper response can be implemented. When we are in construction, proper planning and clear communication of the hazards onsite strengthens awareness and supports response. The Construction Safety Research Alliance (CSRA) reveals that during typical pre-task plan briefings, construction workers identify only 45% of the hazards they face. However, when hazard discussions incorporate tools like the Energy Wheel model, recognition rates improve by 30% significantly enhancing on-site safety awareness.

The Energy Wheel



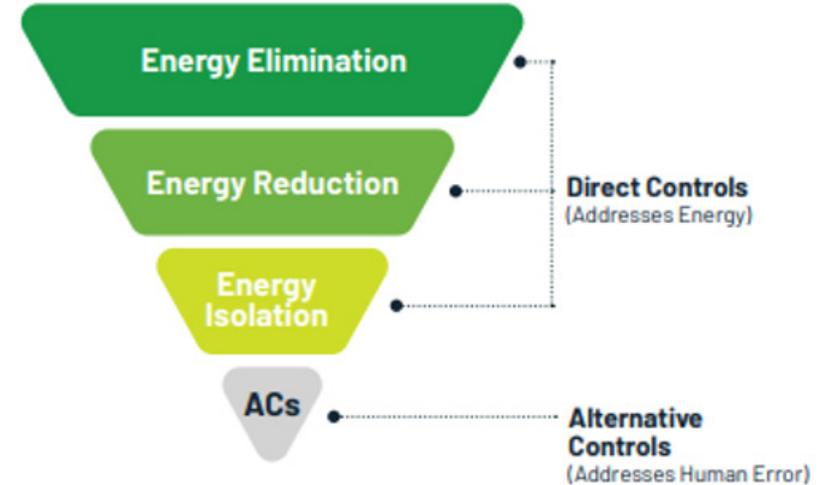
The STCKY Wheel



Respond

The Hierarchy of Energy Control is a methodology for managing high energy hazards. It ranks the controls application from most to least effective, prioritizing the elimination, reduction and isolation of hazards (direct controls). Direct controls are most effective when they are developed and applied early in the project, particularly through design, procurement and preconstruction. When in construction, the planning of activities with direct controls in place is critical. Incorporating the Hierarchy of Energy Control in pre-task planning conversations will support appropriate response. When high energy hazards are identified in planning, teams must ensure direct controls are present and properly applied. Inspections should target high energy/high hazard activities that are occurring each day to support confirming controls are present and properly applied.

Hierarchy of Energy Control



Respect

A unified culture of responsibility is essential across every part of a project. This includes owners, architects and designers, engineers, contractors, and the skilled craft. When workers arrive on site and see that hazards have already been recognized and addressed, it sends a clear signal that their lives and well-being matter. That kind of respect empowers people to speak up about unsafe conditions, exercise Stop Work Authority and contribute to innovative solutions. Over time, this creates a powerful feedback loop that continually protects workers from harm. By committing to respect for every individual, we make our projects safer for everyone involved.





WRAP UP:

Construction Safety Week 2026 reinforced our industry-wide commitment to protecting workers through the pillars Recognize, Respond, and Respect. Early hazard recognition, use of tools like the Energy Wheel, and applying the Hierarchy of Energy Control in planning and inspections keep high energy risks managed and workers safer. A unified culture including owners, designers, contractors, and skilled craft builds trust, empowers Stop Work Authority, and creates a continuous safety feedback loop. We look forward to building on this momentum in 2027.