

Motor vehicle safety for the construction crew

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Welcome to today's toolbox talk! To promote a safe, injury-free work environment, we'll take a moment to ensure our team understands potential hazards (and how to prevent them) before the start of the shift.

We're going to discuss motor vehicle safety on a construction site, as vehicle crashes are the number one cause of workplace fatalities. Working on a site with vehicles or driving your vehicle at a site where others are working are tasks fraught with hazards and an increased chance of injury.



AGENDA

- Overview of relevant safety policies/procedures.
- Discuss team questions/concerns.
- Review recent incidents/near misses.

TOPIC

This section highlights Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards related to motor vehicle safety. The standard is Construction Industry (29 CFR 1926).

- 1926 Subpart O, Motor vehicles, mechanized equipment and marine operations.
- 1926.600, Equipment.
- 1926.601, Motor vehicles.
- 1926.602, Material handling equipment.
- For additional information on specific state plans or other general standards, see the Motor Vehicle Safety Standards page.

Always wear your seat belt

To help prevent head and upper body injuries, a three-point shoulder-belt restraint seat belt system should be used — voluntarily equipped in trucks since the 1980's.

Be sure to maintain your vehicle

Research shows that failure to properly maintain large trucks leads to an increased crash risk due to failure of common mechanical parts such as brakes, tires and wheels. Be sure to complete your mandatory daily vehicle inspection report and note deficiencies to reduce risk and ensure safety.

Remember to yield the right-of-way

It's important to remember that any construction vehicle must yield for workers, oncoming vehicles or equipment. If you're approaching a jobsite, be sure to stop, locate designated vehicle roadways and proceed at a speed that allows for stopping with ease.

