

MASONRY SAFETY

SAFETY TOOL BOX TALK

All construction workers should be alert to the potential hazards associated with concrete and masonry operations. Among the most critical unsafe practices are:

- Failure to brace masonry walls;
- Inappropriate operation of equipment;
- Failure to guard the end of reinforcing steel;
- Reinforcing Steel: All protruding reinforcing steel, onto which an individual could fall, must be guarded to eliminate the hazard of impalement.
- Concrete Buckets: Under no condition may employees ride concrete buckets.
- Personal Protective Equipment: Protective head and face equipment must always be worn when applying cementitious grout through a pneumatic hose. A safety harness must be worn or equivalent fall protection provided while placing or tying vertical reinforcing steel and working more than 6 feet above any adjacent working surface.
- Masonry Construction: Whenever a masonry wall is being constructed, a limited access zone must be established prior to the start of construction. The limited access zone must be as follows:
 - Equal to the height of the wall to be constructed, plus 4 feet, and running the entire length of the wall;
 - On the side of the wall that will be unscaffolded;
 - Restricted to entry only by employees actively engaged in constructing the wall;
 - Kept in place until the wall is adequately supported to prevent overturning and collapse. If the height of the wall is more than 8 feet and unsupported, bracing must remain in place until permanent supporting elements of the structure are in place.

Be aware of the hazards of concrete and masonry operations and pre-plan your work! Short cuts and haste can lead to painful accidents!

I hereby acknowledge that I was present at this meeting, that the above items were covered, and that any questions I had were asked. I will adhere to the above to the best of my ability.

EMPLOYEE NAMES

SUPERINTENDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

