



Toolbox TALK

OSHA'S FOCUS FOUR

Workplaces contain numerous hazards, many of which involve working with or around equipment. OSHA has assessed these hazards and determined the top four hazard categories posing the most risk to employees. Eliminating the risks posed by these Focus Four hazards would prevent the loss of nearly 591 workers' lives in the United States every year.

Focus Four

- **Fall hazards** including unprotected sides or holes, improperly constructed walking or working surfaces, and failing to use proper fall protection. (887 fatalities in 2018)
- **Struck-by** hazards including falling objects due to rigging failure, loose or shifting materials, equipment malfunctions, and vehicle or equipment strikes. (566 fatalities in 2018)
- **Electrocution** hazards including contact with overhead power lines or live circuit panels, poorly maintained cords and tools, and lightning strikes. (175 electrocutions in 2018)
- **Caught-in/between** hazards including getting caught in or compressed by equipment/objects or being struck, caught, or crushed in a collapsing structure, equipment, or material. (137 fatalities in 2018)

Focus Four hazards exist when working with or around any equipment – large, small, stationary, or mobile. Constant vigilance is critical regardless of project size.



Date:

ATTENDANCE RECORD

SUPERVISOR:

CREW MEMBERS PRESENT:

COMMENTS/FEEDBACK: