

TOOLBOX TALK

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CELL PHONE USE ON WORKSITES

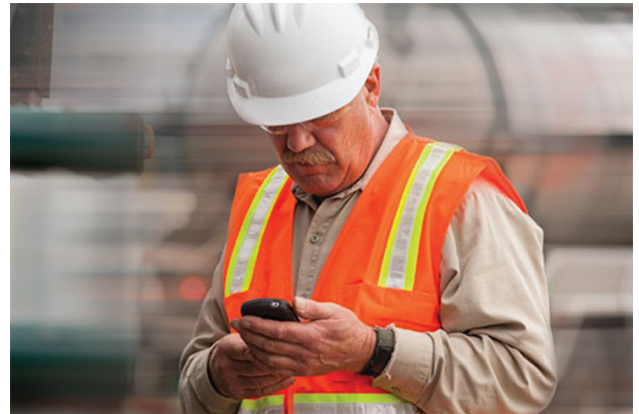
Topic Overview

Cell phones are everywhere. Walk down any street and you'll often see more people wearing headphones than not. Some of these devices even come equipped with sound-canceling features that block all noise from the outside world. Cell phones, a necessary method of communication on job sites, can also distract workers from potential hazards.

Hazards to be aware of

The use of cell phones on a construction site places workers in danger and reduces productivity.

Health and safety policies prohibit operating machinery, driving, or being present on a job site while intoxicated. Texting has the same effects as intoxication when it comes to multi-tasking. It is the organization's responsibility to increase safety and productivity by establishing and enforcing a written cell phone usage policy.



Safety Tips:

Employers should consider the following recommendations regarding cell phone use on construction sites:

- Enact and enforce clear policies that prohibit texting and talking on a cell phone while operating a motorized vehicle or mobile equipment on site.
- Limit or prohibit cell phone use in specific areas where distractions could create employee hazards.
- For company-issued cell phones, consider applications that block internet access and texting functionality while in a moving vehicle.
- Establish cell phone-free zones on construction sites, and post signs in designated areas to remind workers. Only allow workers access to their cell phones during break periods and in designated areas.



Resources

<https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/products/id/W454.pdf>

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LOCATION		DATE	
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Review previous Workplace Inspections

Review previous Accident/Incident/Near Misses

Other Safety Issues or Suggestions made by Staff

Attendance Record

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