

BULLETIN

Risk Control

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Toolbox Meeting Topics

Are you hunting for free toolbox meeting ideas? Maybe you want some fresh material for your meetings that seem to get repetitive, or you need to address recent accidents, or a specific need that recently arose. There is a myriad of sources available. Some are available as a fee based subscription service, but many are free.

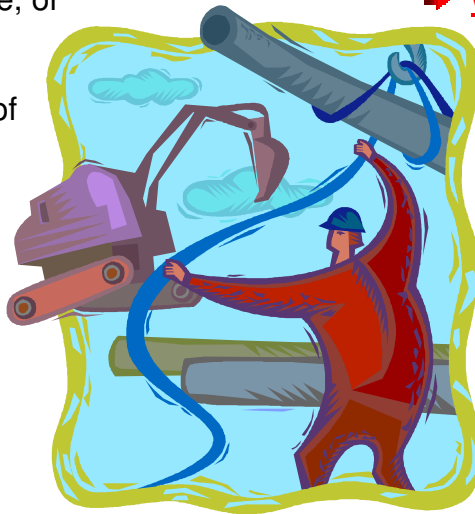
A web search for "toolbox topics" turns up a multitude of sites. They have materials for topics that include:

Hand safety;
Forklift safety;
Preventing slips, trips, and falls;
Electrical safety;
Fire extinguisher ABCs;
Bloodborne pathogens;
Chainsaw safety;

...and the list goes on and on.

Some Sources Available

- **JPIA's Lending Library** -- Call Jody Murphy at the JPIA (800) 231-5742, Ext. 3156. In addition to materials listed in the Lending Library Catalog, Jody may have other subject material available or resources.
- **AWWA Safety Talks** -- Also in the Lending Library is *AWWA Safety Talks*, which are published annually. The books change from year to year.



➤ www.toolboxtopics.com

➤ www.safetytoolboxtalks.com

- www.safety.cat.com -- Caterpillar's site that offers various topics, but is strong in equipment, operation, and maintenance.
- www.SCIF.com -- Offers safety information, toolbox topics, and hazard identification checklists.
- www.dir.ca.gov -- OSHA in California, as well as other states, has toolbox materials available. Do a site search "tailgate/toolbox topics".

Of course you can always contact your local JPIA Risk Management Consultant. They may have additional materials on hand or can point you in the right direction. Happy hunting.

New Driving Laws

Effective January 1, 2010, there are several new laws that affect drivers in California. This is just a synopsis of **some** of the new laws to go into effect this year. For details, refer to the Legislative Council Website at www.leginfo.ca.gov.



[Ignition Interlock Device \(AB-91, Feurer\)](#)

This new law establishes a four-county pilot program in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Tulare to assess the effectiveness of Ignition Interlock Device (IID) installation in reducing driving under the influence violations in those counties.



[Driving Under the Influence \(DUI\) \(SB-598, Huff\)](#)

This law revises the penalty statutes related to DUI of alcohol or drugs, to encourage the use of an IID, by authorizing restricted driving privileges upon installation of an IID in lieu of a longer drivers' license suspension term.

[Two "Move Over" Bills](#)

There are two new "move over" laws SB 159, which is authored by Senator Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto), makes permanent California's "Slow Down and Move Over" law. When approaching an emergency vehicle or tow truck displaying emergency lights on the highway, motorists must slow down and move out of the lane adjacent to the emergency vehicle, if it's safe to do so. Additionally, SB 240 which is authored by Rod Wright (D-Inglewood) expands the "Slow Down and Move Over" law to include Caltrans vehicles that are flashing amber lights.



[Crimes against Highway Workers \(AB-561, Carter\)](#)

The Crimes Against Highway Workers law has also been expanded this year to apply to all city workers performing duties related to street and road maintenance. The law is aimed at

protecting those who are assaulted while on the job repairing and maintaining roads.

[Bicycles \(SB-527, Kehoe\)](#)

Another addition to the traffic laws hits this year. Cyclists will now be allowed to ride bicycles without seats, if their bike was designed to be seatless.



[H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards – Reminder](#)

The deadline to submit a Safety Award Nomination will be **April 12, 2010**. The names of all Award recipients will be announced at the Spring Conference on May 3. The Nomination forms can be obtained from the JPIA's website at www.acwajpia.com/SafetyAwards.aspx. Please contact Terry Lofing at (800) 231-5742, Ext. 3126 for assistance.

Participation in the Program is open to **all** JPIA members. Employees may be nominated by their co-workers, supervisors, or managers. Nominations should be based on observable behavior, demonstrable activities, or participation in or development of safety-related programs.

We look forward to seeing all of your great ideas.



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