FOCUS ON SAFETY: Prevent “Struck-by” Accidents

Vehicle and Roadway Hazards

Stay out of blind spots.

Follow the directions of spotters or flaggers.

Wear a reflective or high-visibility vest.

Make sure that operators of moving equipment know you are there.

Three of four of “struck-by” deaths involve heavy equipment.

Vehicles should be equipped with back-up alarms.

Stay clear of vehicles and know the traffic control plan.

Set up barricades and warning signs.

Falling Objects

Use securely fastened toeboards — at least 4 inches high.

Use debris nets, screens, or canopies.

Use a barricade.

Be aware of your surroundings.

Maintain a safety zone.

Wear a hardhat at all times.

Do not stand under loads.

Secure all loads, tools, and materials.

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Inspect tools before using them.

Treat nail guns as you would a loaded gun. Always assume they are loaded.

Powder-actuated and pneumatic tools are dangerous and shoot with great force.

You must be certified to use a powder-actuated tool.

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For more information about struck-by hazards, go to www.sbctc.org

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