

SAFETY TALK



“Talk Safety Up”



CHILDREN AND JOB SITES

Some things to know before you give your talk.

- As supervisor, you need to look at your jobsite from a child's point of view and get your crew to help you figure out ways to keep children out because they present a special safety problem.
- How does a jobsite look to a child? A short cut to school or home? A great place to ride bikes? The deepest hole they have ever seen? Or just a great place to play and explore?
- They can't be expected to be aware of all the hazards created by your equipment, excavations and unfinished structures. However, they are naturally curious and they may climb over, under or through anything that may get them hurt.

Ask the crew to help out by doing the following:

- Lock or secure all powered equipment so it can't be started
- De-energize electric panels
- Lower to the ground buckets, blades and any other components that could fall
- Don't park equipment on a slope where it may roll if the brakes or clutch are released
- Don't leave gasoline or other chemicals in areas where children might play with them
- Remove ladders
- Fence trenches and pits
- Lock buildings
- See that the fence encloses the whole job and the gate is closed and locked
- Close up, cover up or lock up whenever and wherever you can to make the job more child safe
- Don't let children play around the jobsite while you are working. If they do it in the daytime, chances are they will do it at night too. You may need to ask the local police for help

Remind your crew that by doing this, they may not only be protecting the company from being liable for injury but may also save a child from serious and even permanent harm.

Try this for show and tell!

- Point out several areas that may be attractive to children and ask the crew's advice on how to make it “childproof”.

Questions you can use to get them talking:

- What might attract children to this jobsite?
- How can we reduce the possibility that children will get hurt on this job after we leave?
- Has anyone had an accident – or know of one – involving children at a construction site?

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