

CONSTRUCTION SEASON START-UP REMINDERS

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As we gear up for another construction season, it's the perfect moment to reset our focus and make sure we're starting strong. After months of winter downtime, equipment, worksites, and even our own routines need a careful recheck. We need to adequately prepare and plan for our construction season start up to ensure the health and safety of all involved.

Season Readiness Checklist

- >> Safety Program
- >> Tools and Equipment
- >> Work Environment
- >> Workers



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Safety Program

- Review, sign & date all your policies
- Ensure you have a trained, functioning OH&S Committee or Worker Health & Safety Representative as required
- Orient employees to your OHS Program, policies and procedures
- Ensure that there are first aiders on all sites and that workers know who these people are
- Review training records of all employees to ensure that training is current
- Refresh workers' awareness of company rules, personal protective equipment requirements, work site hazards, and emergency plans
- Update Safety Data Sheets for controlled products used in the workplace and review them with employees

Tools and Equipment

- Ensure that all personal protective equipment is inspected & replaced according to manufacturer's recommendations
- Ensure that the manufacturer's instructions, operators' manuals, and maintenance logs are available for all equipment
- Ensure workers have the appropriate training for the tools and equipment they operate
- Ensure pre-use tool, equipment and vehicle inspections are conducted and that damaged or defective item are repaired or replaced as required
- Inspect all extension cords for missing grounds, frayed wires, etc.
- Establish a housekeeping system to keep sites free of slipping and tripping hazards

Work Environment

- Beware of temperature changes that can result in water, ice hazards, and soil instability around trenches and excavations
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters when using electrical equipment outside or in wet conditions
- Identify any powerlines and other power sources. Dial before you dig

Workers

- Know the location of first aid kits and fire extinguishers
- Beware of blind spots associated with heavy equipment. Make eye contact with equipment operators before moving
- Report hazards or dangerous situations to your immediate supervisor
- Do exercises before you start work and use proper ergonomic techniques to reduce injury and body strain