



Maine Chapter

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Job Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Weekly Tool Box Talk: **VEHICLE SAFETY**

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Vehicles are used every day on our job sites, and we become so familiar with them that we forget the importance of vehicle safety. Here are some things we need to keep in mind when using vehicles.

Vehicles must be in proper condition. Vehicle inspections are the responsibility of each driver/operator. Check fuel, oil and water levels each day. Never take the inspection of the vehicle for granted. Look at the condition of tires and make sure that turning signals and head lights are working. Record the results of your inspection in a vehicle inspection log.

When operating a vehicle, observe these rules for vehicle safety. Always obey the speed limit. Just because the speed limit is 55 miles per hour, is that speed always safe? No. Adjust your speed for traffic, weather and other factors that can affect your ability to stop.

Equip all materials that hang over the sides or extend beyond the tailgate with red flags. Check to make sure that tail gates are closed and materials are properly secured before starting out.

The maximum number of passengers allowed in a vehicle depends on the number of seats equipped with safety belts. Safety belts are to be worn by all occupants of the vehicle. Failure to wear your seat belt could result in your termination.

Remember to drive defensively. Right of way is something to be given, not taken. When you are driving, you must be concerned about the other driver and his or her actions. Watch them while you watch yourself.

Remember to report any problems with a company vehicle to your supervisor immediately. Any abuse of company vehicles could result in your termination. Treat them with care and respect.

### **REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR BLIND SPOTS BEFORE CHANGING LANES!!**

Safety Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Specific Topics: \_\_\_\_\_

M.S.D.S. Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

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