

The goal of safety is to begin the day and end the day safely. During these challenging times with the presence of COVID-19 safety must occur from the start to the end of a job. Safety on the job must encompass every aspect of preparation for the day's work and extend beyond completion of the job into our personal lives. Safety must be your first thought as you drive to work to begin the day's work, and on your mind as you leave and drive home at the end of the day.

To think safety first, last, and in-between, here are some suggestions:

- **What is my best**, safest route to work or the jobsite? Is my vehicle properly maintained and safe to drive?
- **Do I have** all the equipment I will need to do the job safely?
- **What methods** will be used at the jobsite today to complete the work safely?
- **What personal protective equipment** or clothing will be necessary to accomplish the work safely? Be sure to inspect all PPE and clothing for defects prior to use, including face coverings and masks.
- **What tools** are necessary to complete the day's task? Is the right tool for the work on the jobsite and available? Are the personnel properly trained (or certified, if necessary), on tools and equipment to do the work safely?
- **Be sure to** inspect all tools and equipment prior to use. If defects are found, have them repaired or replaced prior to use.
- **Inspect the** jobsite or work area prior to beginning work. Look for any changes or hazards prior to beginning work. Determine what needs to be done to minimize or eliminate those hazards.
- **Practice good housekeeping** throughout the day. A clean site is a safer site.
- **Stay alert** throughout the day. At all times, be aware of what is happening around you and around your co-workers.
- **Upon completion** of the day's work be sure to properly clean and store all tools and equipment in a dry, secure place for future use.
- **Make sure all** barricades or guards required are in place before leaving the jobsite.
- **Ensure that** all equipment is properly parked and secured for the night.
- **Will I need** any special tools or equipment to accomplish the work safely tomorrow?
- **What is my best**, safest route home? Would it be wiser to wait a short time for traffic to diminish before heading home?

Think safety first, last, and every moment in-between. Planning and attention to details pay off in a safer, more efficient job. Accidents are usually a result of lack of attention or lack of planning and are preventable 90% of the time.