



# 5-minute safety talk

## Project Site Hazards at Night

We all want to head home once the whistle blows, but no construction worker should be in so much of a hurry that they leave a project site unsafe and unsecured.

It's important to recognize that in many cases people are on the project site after dark. It may be the security guard walking the site, the police officer investigating vandalism, or the electrician performing emergency work; or possibly, some curious teenagers exploring the grounds or a homeless person looking for a place to sleep.

### What can you do?

Each step involved in the safety process is important and must be carefully executed. The condition of your project site affects your co-workers, as well as others who venture onto the grounds during or after hours.

Neglected trash in a hallway can be a tripping hazard. A missing guardrail can contribute to a serious accident or a death. Even something as simple as construction material protruding from a pallet can lead to trouble.

When work has been completed for the evening, there are some simple guidelines you can follow to keep your project site safe:

- Secure all tools and construction materials.
- Clearly label and properly store hazardous materials, solvents, flammables and combustibles.
- Utilize proper lockout/tagout procedures for equipment.
- Make sure structures are safe and secure.
- Ensure that lighting is sufficient.

- Make sure all walking and working surfaces are free of clutter and obstructions.
- Establish safe access and exit for workers, equipment and vehicles.
- Report any potential hazards that you cannot correct to the General Superintendent.

### Remember, everyone is responsible for safety.

Make sure safety is a priority at all times. Do not take shortcuts and do not let your co-workers take shortcuts. Overlooking hazards can contribute to serious accidents.

You take the time to identify potential hazards during the day, make a special effort to do the same before you leave the project site at night. It's one more step that may take an extra few minutes, but it benefits everyone.

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