TOOLBOX TALK #30

Vital GRP

Plant & Equipment

Prepare: Quiet location? No distractions? Talk aids ready?

Reason: 75% of all drowning occurs in inland waters.

Why: Male drowning is most common due to bravado,

foolishness and lack of safety awareness

Outline: This talk will cover prevention of drowning and rescue

from the water.



Identification

- Plant and equipment can be mobile or static equipment used in construction.
- Examples are: dumper truck, mortar mixer, bar bending machine, welding set.

General Precautions

- Plant and equipment should only be used by people who have been trained. Consider the risks to other people who are nearby when operating plant and equipment.
- Before use, ensure that plant and equipment has no obvious defects.
- Bring any defects to the attention of your supervisor.
- Be aware of any pre-use checks and carry them out.
- Do you need a means of communication with others during use?

Q: What should happen before anyone is allowed to operate plant or equipment?

Mobile Plant And Equipment

- Do not carry passengers unless the plant is designed to do so.
- Observe site speed limits and one way systems
- If necessary, obtain assistance when reversing.
- Carry out daily checks e.g. brakes, oil, lights and tyres.
- Be cautious when handling rear wheel steer and centre pivoting plant.

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| Q: What are the usual before use checks? | |
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| Q: Where is the danger area when rear | |
| wheel steer plant is turning? | |
| Static Plant And Equipment | |
| Includes plant which can be moved but | |
| remains in one place during use. • If fitted with wheels, ensure brakes are on | |
| or wheels are securely chocked. • If engine driven, ensure exhaust gases | |
| cannot accumulate. | |
| If electric powered, ensure supply cable and plug cannot be damaged. The second transfer of the second trans | |
| Ensure all guards are in position.Consider the need for barriers around the | |
| equipment to protect others | |
| Q: Give an example of an item of static plant or equipment | |
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| Do you have any questions for me? | |
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