

Nuts & Bolts

June 30, 2011

Company News Brief:

Attention all Foremen and Superintendents:

Please notify your Project Manager or Kasey and Mike when you are finished with any equipment or materials on a jobsite. We are currently out of a lot of small tools. Any questions please ask the Yard crew. Thanks!



Please make sure you have checked all electrical

cords as well as ladders, the color for this quarter (July 1st through Sept. 30th) is

RED.

Upcoming Bids

July 6th
ABM Building at Fort McCoy

July 8th
Villa St. Joe - St. Joseph's Ridge

July 12th
La Crosse Housing Authority -
Becker Plaza



... > SAFETY FIRST: Chris' Subject Housekeeping on the Job

You have a pretty good idea how safe a job is just by looking at it before you start to work. Even a "Sidewalk Superintendent" knows this. A job that looks clean, with everything in its place, is a safe job. That's all we mean when we talk about job housekeeping. Good housekeeping calls for just two things. Try to remember them:

First: Keep trash and loose objects picked up and dispose of them.

Second: Pile all materials and park all tools and equipment in the places where they belong.

These are the fundamentals of good housekeeping and they're simple enough. If we don't follow these two rules, we're letting ourselves in for trouble.

Putting the rules to work is not so simple. A grand cleanup once a week won't do the trick. Housekeeping is a job that can't be put off. We have to do it. It's up to each individual to be their own job housekeeper.

When you see something lying around where it could trip an individual or fall on them, put it in a safe place. Don't wait for someone else to do it. If it's something that he or she will be looking for, you can put it safely where they can see it.

You've seen jobs, and probably worked on some, where it wasn't safe to put your foot down without first looking twice to be sure you weren't going to twist an ankle or run a nail through your shoe. A job like that is poorly run, badly managed. Probably it's losing money as well as causing accidents.

Some jobs have walkways, aisles, stairs, and ladders by which you get from one place to another. It's particularly important that these lines of travel be kept safe and clear of loose objects. Workers often carry loads on these routes. They can't always pick their steps or look around to be sure that nothing is going to trip them or fall on them.

A wet or greasy walkway may cause a bad accident. If you see a treacherous spot, make it your business

to do some sweeping, mopping or scraping.

Brick, tile, pipe, steel rods and similar materials scattered about the job or insecurely piled on scaffolds or platforms can cause accidents. All material should be piled in the place set aside for it. Each kind of material has its own characteristic. But some rules for piling apply to all kinds:

First, you have to consider how the material is going to be taken out of the pile. If it's going to be a fast-moving operation with a big tonnage being unloaded in a short time, be sure to leave space for the worker and the equipment that will have to do the work.

Be courteous. Never pile material in such a way that it will endanger a worker who has to work on it or will make a backbreaking job for the worker who breaks down the pile.

Other points to think about are:

1. The strength of the support if you're piling material on a floor, platform or scaffold.
2. The stability of the ground if you're piling a heavy load.
3. The height of the pile so it won't topple.
4. The need for building racks if it's pipe or rods you have to stack.
5. The wisdom of waiting for the proper equipment to handle structural steel and other heavy material.

We all know the value of good lighting in job housekeeping. Poor lighting and accidents go together. When you find a light out, report it and get a replacement.

It's not hard to keep a job clean if all useless materials, boxes, scrap lumber and other trash are picked up and removed regularly. Remember, if they're allowed to accumulate for even a few days, the job becomes a messy and unsafe place to work.

> Happy July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Dean Bodensteiner July 1st
Alec Schwartz July 6th
Troy Jacobson July 12th
Scott Murphy July 13th
Shawn Kast July 15th
Mike Ballwahn July 15th

Davy Mydy July 19th
Jason Miller July 21st
Don Frank July 23rd
Erik Brennan July 24th
Troy Stair July 28th
Leanne Sedlmayr July 31st
Heath Hoscheit July 31st



> Project Updates



Pics from top:
 1. Safety sign and eye wash station at DOIM.
 3. Nick Boardman picking up rebar with the forklift at DOIM.
 5. Glenn Bass preparing masonry for tuckpointing at UW-L.

2. Steve Stefferud, Chris Schollmeier, and Chris Towle discussing safety topics at DOIM.
 4. John Schewe taking care of business at Longfellow Kitchen remodel.
 6. Luke Robertson using the circular hydraulic saw at Longfellow.



Pet of the Week



Meet Merlin! He's a sweet and affectionate 11 year old male mixed tiger domestic short hair neutered cat. For more information about adopting Merlin please visit: www.couleehumane.com



> Did you know?

✓ Sedimentary rocks are used to make cement, glass, fertilizer, baking soda, laundry bleach, and aspirin.



✓ The U.S. coastline, comprised of the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf waters, involves 25 of the 48 mainland states.

Safety Score Card:

1000 Hours:
 Tim Kappauf
 Terry Greiner

2000 Hours:
 Jim Canar



Your **CURRENT** Safety Team members:

- Chris Towle
- Rick Wilhelm
- DuWayne Knobloch
- Eddy Kuster
- Dan Haney
- Brent Johnson
- Heath Hoscheit

If you have any ideas on interesting safety topics to feature in future newsletters please email them to: ctowle@fowlerhammer.com or drop off at the office.