

Tool Talk Safety Meeting

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McShea Worker Fatalilty

Work Zone Fatality

On Friday, October 9th Todd Brown, a McShea Contracting employee, was struck and killed by a drunk driver while on the job. Todd was working inside the closure laying out for pavement markings on I75 near mile marker 235, Tampa Florida when a drunk driver entered the closure striking Todd. The driver, who fled the scene, was later caught by the police and failed a field sobriety test measuring a blood alcohol content of .151.

Todd worked for McShea Contracting for a little over a year. He was 45 years old. There is no excuse for the drunk drivers actions and this tragedy should have never happened. Please keep Todd and his family in your prayers.

A news report can be viewed [here](#).

Flexibility, Protect your hands, Smoking Cessation

Prevent Strains and Sprains

The work we do is often physical in nature and, especially in cold weather, can be taxing on the muscles. Help prevent strains and sprains by stretching before performing physical work. Stretching increases blood flow, can help improve flexibility and range of motion in your joints. A flexible body helps reduce the chance of injury. Click [Here](#) for a chart.

Protect Your Hands

This season there have been two separate incidents where part of a finger was severed. The first incident resulted in a severed finger from a tailgate and the second incident resulted in a severed finger from a grinder head falling on the person's fingers when removing the head from the grinder box.

Here are ways to protect your hands:

1. Conduct a pre-task analysis and identify the potential for injury
2. Avoid placing hands in a position where they could be injured
3. Wear gloves. The gloves should not create a greater hazard such as a piece of loose clothing would increase the chance of getting caught in equipment
4. Use the appropriate tool instead of placing hands in harm's way to accomplish the task.



Smoking

For information about health problems associated with smoking and for help with quitting smoking click [Here](#). While smoking is bad for one's health and reduces productivity; smoking at PK yards and facilities is permitted in designated areas only. If you smoke, locate a designated smoking area and smoke only in the designated area.

Questions about Tool Talk Topics or other safety items? Contact Kurt Shea at 269-207-2055 or by email at kurt@pkcontracting.com

