

Tool Talk Safety Meeting

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External Food & Beverage Sources

On July 20th, a large pipeline company sent out the following message to all its employees:

“We regret to inform you of a tragic incident that occurred two days ago involving our company in a Chicago suburb. During the project, two flaggers were offered bottles of water by an unknown individual in a passing car. Sadly, one of the flaggers lost their life and the other flagger is currently in critical condition. After conducting an investigation, it is suspected that the water provided to the flaggers was laced with Fentanyl, a potent and dangerous Opioid.”

This serves as a reminder of the potential dangers that can arise when accepting food or beverages from unknown people while on the job. We cannot stress enough the importance of maintaining vigilance and being cautious of any offers from unknown individuals during work.

To reduce the risk of harm, the following should be adhered to at all times:

- **Never accept food or beverages of any kind:** Under no circumstances should any crew member accept food or drinks offered by anyone outside of the project team, regardless of their intentions.
- **Bring your own food and beverages:** Each crew member is responsible for bringing their own food and beverages to the job site. Ensure that your food and water is properly sealed and have not been tampered with. The company will provide drinking water to every crew.
- **Stay alert and communicate:** Remain vigilant and watchful of any suspicious behavior or individuals in the vicinity of the job site. Report any concerns to your supervisor immediately.
- **Educate all employees:** Share the details of this incident with your fellow employees, emphasizing the importance of following these safety rules and reducing potential hazards.

If you have any questions on this directive, please contact your supervisor or the division safety manager immediately.

