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Safe Use of Cell Phones

We all know that the typical jobsite is often in a state of organized chaos. There is a constant flow of contractors, suppliers and inspectors which requires a constant state of alertness to avoid an accident. The improper use of Cell Phones on construction projects can greatly increase the risk of an accident.

- a) Cell phone usage can cause inattention on the job site. That inattention and distraction may result in property damage or personal injury.
- b) Co-workers can be distracted by others' cell phone usage.

Avoid Distractions—

- Never use a cell phone while operating equipment. If you absolutely must take a call while operating a machine, stop the machine, put the transmission in neutral, and apply the parking brake before answering your phone.
- Never use a cell phone to send or receive text messages while operating equipment.
- Store your cell phone in a location that will prevent it from obstructing your ability to do your job safely.
- Whenever possible, let calls go straight to voicemail, and set aside a later time to retrieve them.

Be Aware of Hazards—

- Do not operate a cell phone within fifty feet of a flammable liquid. In rare cases, the radio signal output from a cellular phone has been known to ignite flammable liquids nearby.
- Turn off cell phones within 100 feet of any blasting area.

–Know the site-specific hazard areas associated with cell phone usage.

Mobile phones are a necessary business tool in the ever-changing, fast-paced construction industry. Always stay focused on the task at hand. Minimize the distraction that mobile phones can cause, and you will maximize safe working conditions for you and those around you. •

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