



# Safety Tip of the Week

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## Hazard Awareness



A hazard can be defined as a condition or changing set of circumstances that presents a potential for injury, illness, or property damage or the potential or inherent characteristics of an activity, condition, or circumstance that can produce adverse or harmful consequences.

### So as you begin work, ask yourself:

- Do I have the right tools/equipment for the job?
- Have I inspected my tools/equipment to make sure they are in good repair or am I trying to get by?
- Is the work laid out to provide safe completion of the job?
- Are the materials I am using safe, and do I need additional personal protective equipment such as safety glasses, gloves, hardhat, respirator, etc.?
- Is there a safer way to accomplish the task?
- Are all necessary equipment guards in place?
- Are written procedures such as lockout/tagout being followed?

**Do not guess. Your health and life depend on you understanding hazards!!**