



Safety Tip of the Week

Cell Phone Use and Safety

Cell phones can be a dangerous distraction. When used inappropriately these devices can get employees in trouble at work as well as potentially cause serious injury.

Recognizing and Responding to Unsafe Cell Phone Use:

- To avoid committing unsafe acts, we must make safety our top priority in every task we perform.
- We must adopt an attitude that our primary goal is doing every job as safely as possible. Maintaining this attitude will help us recognize situations where use of cell phones:
 - Interfere in our ability to perform our tasks without injury; and
 - Hinder us from completing our jobs in a timely manner.
- We must be able to recognize and reject the excuses we often make for texting when we know it is unsafe or prohibited by policy.
- It takes “two to text.” If you are on the receiving end of prohibited or unsafe texts being sent at work, don’t respond. Let them know, in person, that texting at work is unsafe and inappropriate and that you will not participate.
- Similar to other safety issues, putting a stop to dangerous texting or other distracting phone use requires a culture of speaking up and refusing to participate.
 - When employees help to create this type of work environment, it creates a safer workplace for everyone.
- Finally, we must be willing to speak up when we see people putting themselves in harm’s way by texting while performing their job duties.



Result of Texting While Driving

DON'T TEMPT FATE...THAT TEXT CAN WAIT!!