

Safety Tip of the Week

Plumbing Safety

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, maintenance workers, including plumbers, experience more injuries and illnesses than nearly any other occupation.

Fortunately, responsible plumbers can avoid the vast majority of these threats by adhering to plumbing safety tips and using proper protective gear.

Plumbing Accidents:

The type, frequency, and severity of plumbing accidents varies depending upon what type of sites employees work on, the number of employees working, the number and type of adjacent contractors working on the site, and more. Some of the most common plumbing accidents include:

- Cuts and abrasions;
- Slips, trips, and falls;
- Flying particles into eyes;
- Heat and cold illnesses; and
- Motor vehicle accidents.

Plumbing Safety Tips:

- Before you start working on a project, identify potential risks and hazards;
- Always use personal protective equipment to protect yourself;
- Use the right tools and equipment for the project that is assigned to you;
- Have an extra pair of eyes and an extra hand to help with difficult projects; and
- Stay up to date with plumbing safety requirements.

BEFORE YOU DO IT...TAKE TIME TO THINK THROUGH IT!!