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Weekly Toolbox Talk

Storm Preparedness Plan for the Construction Site

A Storm Preparedness Plan is needed in each and every construction project to secure items and maintain a safe environment. A little planning goes a long way in preventing confusion and panic. Severe weather plans include training, preparations, and drills.

SEVERE WEATHER PLANNING

- Supervisors should provide tools to monitor local weather information (usually radios) or a way to communicate weather to employees (two-way radios/walkie-talkies)
- Employees should know where designated severe weather shelters are on the jobsite. On this jobsite, the severe weather shelter is located in/at: _____.

PRACTICE AND TRAINING

- All employees should know the signal for severe weather and when to seek shelter. The signal for severe weather is: _____.
- Supervisors must know severe weather notification methods (watches, warnings, etc.).
- Perform severe weather drills to keep everyone ready and prepared.

STORM MONITORING

- Monitor local AM and FM radio stations.
- It is a good idea to keep a battery powered or crank radio in case the power goes out.

ACT

- Check the weather forecast every morning.
- Everyone should know when to initiate the severe weather plan and sheltering.
- Everyone should know severe weather communication methods.
- Do severe weather shelter areas have enough room for employees that need them?