

Carpentry Safety Rules

Always follow these company safety rules.

Our company, _____, is committed to the safety of our employees and customers. Our safety rules and policies are in place to prevent work-related deaths, injuries, damages, and wasteful financial losses.

We require you to follow the written safety rules below when performing work on behalf of our company. Our organization investigates all injuries, incidents, hazard reports, and property damage.

You are expected to follow these safety rules. Documented corrective action will result if the safety rules are not followed.

- Report injuries, incidents, unsafe conditions, and damage to management before your shift ends.
- Contact your supervisor whenever an injury or after-hours incident occurs or for any other business-related emergencies.
- Employees are prohibited from working while impaired by alcohol, medications, legal substances, or illicit drugs. Our company performs post-incident drug and alcohol screenings.
- Horseplay on the job is strictly prohibited.
- Drivers and passengers must wear seat belts when using vehicles for company business.
- Cell phone use while driving and on the job is prohibited.
- Safe and courteous driving is required. Follow speed limits, do not tailgate, and maintain a safe following distance.
- Increase following distance when driving heavy vehicles or pulling trailers.
- Perform a safety check of equipment and vehicles before departing for a job site. Report any maintenance concerns.
- Maintain guards on all saws. Do not defeat or remove guards.
- Push sticks are required when cutting with a table saw.
- Clamps are required to hold materials when using compound miter saws.
- Stay a minimum of 10' away from power lines.
- Do not work near energized overhead power lines. Before work, contact the power company to ensure that overhead power lines and entrances are safe.
- A fall prevention plan must be completed when using ladders, boom lifts, scissor lifts, or personal fall arrest harnesses.
- To prevent falls, never stand on any leading ledge, near any opening, or rooftop edge without first putting fall prevention equipment in place.
- Use stepladders on a firm, level base and never use the top two rungs. Set up extension ladders on a safe base and secure the ladder to prevent kick-out or tip back/over.
- Maintain three points of contact when using ladders, and do not overreach.
- During tress setting, use scaffolds, step ladders, platform ladders, or lifts.
- Never stand in trusses, rafters, or floor joists without a proper work platform or personal fall arrest harness.
- Never climb into dumpsters to compress or dig through job site waste by hand.
- Clean up spills and hazards immediately.
- Two-person lifts are required when machinery or supplies weigh over 50 lbs.
- Know the job site severe weather plan.

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