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**Tool Box Safety Talk # 35 08-25-2024.**

**Topic: Adverse Weather**

Regardless of the season, natural elements pose challenges that workers must remain vigilant about. As summer transitions to fall, it’s expected that rain, fog, winds, and reduced daylight will impact our environment.

These conditions can increase traffic incidents for vehicle and equipment drivers and cause slips, trips, and falls for site workers due to the weather's effect on work surfaces.

Properly assessing site conditions and planning for these changes is essential to avoid accidents.

Some hazards associated with these conditions include:

* Poor driving conditions and lack of maintenance
* Inappropriate clothing and PPE selection for outdoor or on-site work
* Neglect of housekeeping and site maintenance
* Inadequate lighting and obscured vision
* Exposure to high winds while working or walking outside

To address adverse conditions, consider the following measures:

* Conduct thorough vehicle inspections, including checking lights, tires, wipers, fluid levels, and scheduling maintenance.
* Wear clothing suitable for the current weather and prepare for changes.
* Stabilize wet areas and clean up spills to prevent freezing or slippery conditions.
* In low-light conditions, wear reflective and high-visibility clothing as required, and provide additional illumination for walkways and work areas.
* Anticipate high winds by securing tools and materials and staying alert to flying debris.

Additionally, proactive **preparation** is key to managing adverse weather conditions effectively. Regular training sessions should be conducted to educate workers about the specific hazards associated with different weather patterns and the appropriate safety measures. **Emergency response plans** should be updated and practiced, ensuring that all workers are familiar with evacuation routes and procedures. Investing in weather forecasting tools and technologies can provide advance warnings, allowing for timely adjustments to work schedules and site activities. By fostering a culture of preparedness and continuous improvement, we can significantly reduce the risks posed by adverse weather conditions and maintain a safer working environment.

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