



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

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If you're not making mistakes, you're not doing anything. I'm positive that a doer makes mistakes -- **John Wooden**

## DISTRACTIONS

are like blindfolds.  
They could cause you to miss:



### Vehicle Inspection Time

- Get someone to assist you and do a vehicle walk-around inspection.
- Check headlights, turn signals, park & brake lights
- Check your tires for wear and proper inflation (don't forget the spare). Keep a can of Fix-a-Flat in your vehicle.
- If you have not located the jack for your vehicle yet, you may want to figure out where it is and how it works BEFORE you need it).
- Check your fluids (oil, tranny fluid, coolant, brake, and windshield washer fluid.
- Be sure to check your wiper blades and your fan belt, too.
- Check the light for your license plate and make a note of when the tags expire.
- A few things you may want to keep in your vehicle (if you don't have them already): Flashlight, First Aid Kit, Jumper Cables, extra coolant, etc.

### Keeping Workers Out of The Line of Fire

We have all heard of and seen too many crushed by or against, caught in, struck by, etc., incidents or near misses. Yet, year after year, these types of injuries remain relatively unchanged. It seems the problem may be that some of our workers do not understand what we mean by The Line of Fire. How can you stay out of something that you do not understand? Attached are a couple of posters that help to explain the Line of Fire and some of the associated hazards. Please share with your teams and anyone else that may benefit.

### Ask More Questions

In this busy world, it is easier to make assumptions rather than ask questions that crew members may know the answer to, right? Well, what if they DON'T Know? Take time to communicate effectively (ask questions, listen attentively, minimize reliance on email, and talk face-to-face... get confirmation that Sender and Receiver are on the same page!

### March Is Eye Safety Month

Experts recommend an annual eye exam. That way, if there are any issues, you can catch them early. But it is also important to take care of your eyes on and off the job. Prevention is the best medicine. ***A two-dollar pair of safety glasses can help prevent blindness in one or both eyes. WHY? Because once your sight is lost... it is Gone for Good!***

- Be sure you and your crew members are wearing the proper eye protection. Safety glasses are not always the correct PPE for the task.
- Unsure? Check the SDS & review the task... what hazards will the job steps create?
- Chemical goggles are required when handling hazardous chemicals where a splash could occur.
- Doing Gas or Arc Welding, cutting, grinding, or soldering? Safety glasses should be worn under a welding hood so the worker has protection when she lifts the hood to chip slag away.
- Those working in the immediate area should also have properly rated\shaded safety glasses.
- Welding shields\curtains can also be used. However, be careful not to create a confined space which will increase potential heavy metal exposures. A face shield is also required for certain task either with safety glasses or goggles.
- Dust an issue? You may need non-vented or indirectly vented goggles.

**If you are interested in volunteering with the chapter, we are always glad to have extra help... please let one of the chapter officers know you are interested!**

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