ECC Monthly Safety Tip

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Forging the Future, One Safe Choice at a Time

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See the Hazard Before it Becomes the Incident

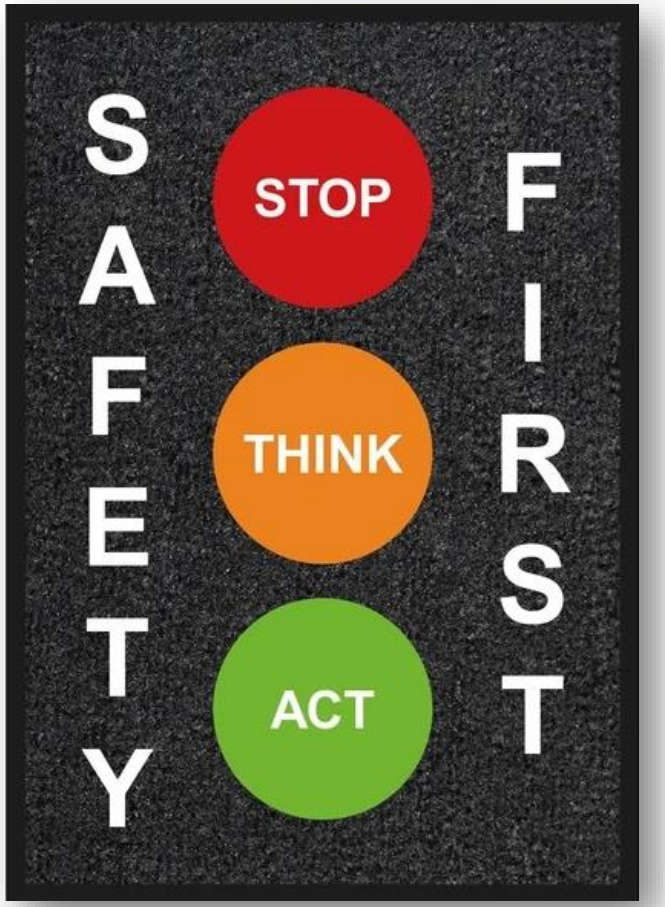
In OSHA's 2024 annual report, 688,575 detailed workplace injuries and illnesses were reported, resulting in more than 9 million days away from work. As we forge the future, let's work together to prevent these incidents, protect our coworkers, and build a safer workplace where everyone goes home safely.

- **Plan the job**: identify hazards, energy sources, and required controls.
- **Control energy**: lockout/tagout, guarding, blocking, and verification.
- Wear task-appropriate PPE as the last line of defense.
- Every task presents potential hazards — don't let familiarity create complacency.
- **Before you start:** *Stop and ask, "What could go wrong?"*

2024 Annual Report: OSHA Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses

Stop. Think. Act.

Taking the time to think about safety is part of doing the job right.



STOP	Pause before starting the task.
THINK	Identify hazards and determine the safest approach.
ACT	Follow procedures, use proper PPE, and address hazards.

Examples of ACTing

- Look for moving equipment, hot surfaces, electrical hazards, and slip/trip hazards.
- If something doesn't look right, **stop and speak up**.
- A few seconds of preparation can prevent a serious incident.

Forging the Future Starts With Us

Safety is a team effort. Every person plays a role in creating a safer workplace.

👷 **Look Out for Each Other**
- Safety doesn't stop with your own task.

⚠️ **Speak Up**
- Report hazards and near misses before they become incidents.

🛑 **Stop When Something Isn't Right**
- Production should never come before safety.

🔧 **Learn & Improve**
- Use lessons from incidents and near misses to prevent the next one.

🤝 **Lead by Example**
- The choices we make influence those around us.

Safety Reporting Hotlines:

OSHA – 1-800-321-6742

MSHA – 1-800-746-1553

FMCSA – 1-888-368-7238