

Toolbox Talk



Winter Weather in Chemical Plants - 01/11/25 - 01/18/25

The challenges of working in winter weather will make their presence known this week. Here are some things to think about besides the obvious of keeping warm and everything that goes with that while working within our facilities: As a crew please discuss what else you could do.

- 1) Many of us use our trucks as a warming center. Taking small breaks to warm up can do a lot of good. Remember where we are parked when "cabbing up" or letting our trucks run to keep warm. Many of our customers do not want trucks running within the process areas when it is not necessary, as they create an additional ignition source. Park or position your vehicle to a more remote area to sit inside to warm up.
- 2) FR coveralls are hot in the summer but offer little protection in the winter. Layer up beneath the coveralls Try to avoid Under Armour material and wear cotton based as your base layers and use FR rated hoodies or hats or any clothing you use to protect your face and neck when possible or required. Remember also that you will probably have to go up a size or 2 to accommodate the extra clothing.
- 3) If you must move any snow or snow piles, take a moment before plowing to make sure there is not anything buried under the snow pile. Such as materials, tools, utility structures, or plant instrumentation! Talk to your operator or plant contact if you are unsure what may be buried under that snow!
- 4) Large icicles within the units and structures can create falling object hazards. Look up! Check the "aerial view" of your work area. If you see any icicles that look ominous, contact your unit operator or plant contact, DO NOT try to remove these yourself, as you may cause damage to plant property and instrumentation. NOTE ice can form



on handrails as well. Use caution when navigating anywhere exposed to the elements.





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