



KNOW YOUR WORK AREA – 02/08/26 - 02/14/26.

Understanding where we are, what we are doing, what we are using, and how we go about our daily activities are all details we discuss during our pre-job activities and periodic work stoppages.

We identify situations and hazards and develop mitigations as a crew and document them on our daily TSTI's and JSA's.

There are times when individuals or entire crews are called to another task or to assist another crew. What do we do in these cases to educate and protect ourselves from impending hazards? Do we just go to work?

There are multiple paths you can take to make sure you are up to speed:

- 1) Ask for the TSTI, Permits, or any other pertinent documentation that the crew you are helping has on hand.
- 2) Have a discussion with the crew foreman or key personnel when you and your crew arrive and before you start.
- 3) Talk to the Supervisor, foreman, or possibly obtain any previous paperwork that was produced from that job, including prints, job logs, TSTI's, permits, etc.... if you are going to be going to a job started by someone else and they are not going to be there.
- 4) Talk to site representation to get any information about the area you are working in or any specific information they can share with you.

Going into a job "blindly," whether there is a crew member already there, puts you and the crew at an immediate disadvantage. Not only are you subjecting everyone to incidents and injuries, but also time loss and monetary loss for not understanding the job or the area where you will be working.

Take the time to familiarize yourself to the new task and area laid out before you. Know and understand the hazards, mitigations to those hazards, and the area you will be working in. Go as far as talking to the foreman and key people to see how and why they have progressed the way they have to the point they are at now.

Taking a few extra minutes at the start of your task to discuss these issues will save you an exponential amount of trouble and headache on the back side.

