

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Standing on the Guardrails

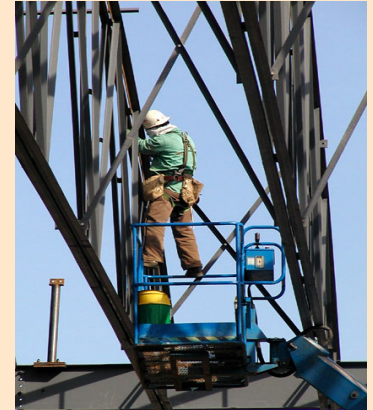
### Construction Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



*Standing on guardrails is a common cause of construction falls. Before starting a task think about how that task can be done safely. Review these safety tips with your employees.*

#### Tool Box Tips

1. Standing on any guardrail is unsafe.
2. Unsafe acts could result in injuries to you or your co-workers.
3. Never stand on guardrails.
4. Head injuries, spinal injuries and bone fractures are common when employees fall from lifts.
5. Using the right fall protection (fall restraint with short lanyard) will prevent an employee from standing on the guardrail.
6. A six foot lanyard may be too long, allowing an employee to stand on the guardrails.
7. Always wear fall protection when working from platforms or baskets including:
  - Full body harness
  - Short lanyard
  - Anchorage point



*The photos shown above are all examples of unsafe work as employees stand on the guardrails.*

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