

Tailboard Discussions

Contributes more to safety,
efficiency, harmony and productivity
than any other procedure.

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It is important for everybody to take part in the tailgate discussion. Some items or concerns may be discussed under more than one topic of the discussion.

Play an active role in tailgate discussions!

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OSHA 1910.269 (c) states that at least the following topics SHALL be discussed:

- i. Hazards associated with the job.
- ii. Work procedures involved.
- iii. Special precautions
- iv. Energy source controls
- v. Personal protective equipment requirements

i. Hazards Associated With The Job

- Locate and point out hazards
 - (All members of crew)
- Hazards to workers on the ground
 - Traffic, step potential, touch potential, energized truck, etc
- Hazards to workers in the air
 - Voltages, current, differences of potential, pole condition, conductor condition, etc

ii. Work Procedures Involved

- What the job entails
- Sequence to accomplish the job.
- Cover – up needed
- Safety equipment Needed
- Equipment and tools needed
- Who is doing what and when
- etc

iii. Special Precautions

- Traffic
- Weather
- Other crews in area
- Conductor spacing
- Extremely congested pole or structure
- High fault currents available
- etc

iv. Energy Source Control

- Line clearance obtained?
- Line protection (OCR) in One shot?
 - Properly tagged?
- Does the line being worked on cross over or under another line?
- Back-feed
- Induction, static
- etc

V. Personal Protective Equipment

- Rubber gloves & sleeves
- Body harness
- Hard hat
- Safety glasses
- FR clothing
- Line Hose
- Blankets
- Insulator hoods
- Arm guards
- Insulated jumpers
- Matting

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Everybody shall be included.

Take advantage of the thinking of

ALL

members of the crew.

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Routine or repetitive tasks need only daily briefings.

However, if circumstances change or new hazards are inquired, a new job briefing will be held **BEFORE** work continues.

Tailboards Should Also Cover

- Location
- Emergency telephone numbers
- Mayday procedures
- How to run lower controls of booms
- What to do if the truck becomes energized
- Review location of emergency equipment
 - Rescue equipment
 - First aid kits
 - Fire extinguishers