

# Habitat Work Site Safety Policy

*"No job is so important that it can't be done safely!"*

- Habitat requires that you protect your eyes with safety glasses when using power tools. Habitat also advises that safety glasses be used when nailing.
- Use ear protection when using power saws for a prolonged period of time.
- Wear clothing appropriate for the task. **Don't wear loose-fitting clothes around power saws, and tuck in all shirts.** Wear work boots or sturdy shoes that protect from falling objects, have non-slip soles and resist nail penetration.
- Hard hats **are required** when working in an area where items could fall or be dropped from above.
- Guards on saws must be in place and operating. Tools must be in a safe condition.
- Speak up if something looks unsafe. An observer can spot danger quicker than a worker.
- Do not lift beyond your strength. Bend your knees and lift with your legs.
- Know where the drinking water and the first-aid kit are located. Tell your house leader immediately in the event of an injury. Select the correct tool for your work. Carry only those you need.
- Think and concentrate on your task.
- If you are uncertain about how to do a task, or how to operate a power tool, ask your crew leader or house leader for assistance.
- Remove nails from discarded lumber.
- Do not leave loose objects on the roof or on ladders or scaffolding. Keep your tools in your tool belt when they are not in use.
- While working on a roof, secure all building materials (felt, shingles, plywood, nails, etc.) to prevent items from sliding off. Sweep sawdust and debris off the roof frequently. Let workers below know when you are sweeping or throwing materials off the roof.