

Habitat MBA - 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.

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