Keeping Toolbox Talks FRESH

Whatever you call them — Toolbox Talks, Tailgate Talks, Safety Huddles — discussions at the beginning of a shift that bring awareness to safety and health topics are routine throughout the aggregates industry. But materials can get stale, repetitive or boring — all of which mean the important messages being delivered may not be reaching those who need to hear it most: the workers. The NSSGA Health & Safety Subcommittee offers these innovative practices to help keep your Toolbox Talks fresh, engaging and effective.

Make them Interactive

- Integrate a Stretch and Flex Program
- Do a “Bug Hunt” to Identify Hazards
- Start All Meetings with a Safety Share
- Use Guidance Questions during Safety Discussions
- Choose Two and Do
- Do the Monday Morning Mop-Up

Use Different Presentation Approaches

- Switch Up the Location
- Ask Different People to Present
- Share New Materials — Or Old Materials in a New Way
- Engage Leadership

Make Content Relatable

- Relate Alerts to your Facility
- Use the Safety Chain of Events
- Learn from Near Hits/Misses
- Share Safety Stories

Consider Other Industries and Embrace Sharing

- Use Vendors
- Try a Company or Facility Safety Swap
- Use MSHA as a Resource

Utilize Technology

- Record and Share an Engaging Speaker
- Create Re-enactment Videos
- Utilize Safety Related Apps or Programs

You’ll find more in-depth guidance on effectively implementing these strategies at nssga.org/toolbox_talks