

# Keeping *Toolbox Talks* **FRESH**

**W**hatever 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