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Date: <b>December 14, 2020</b>		FAX THIS SHEET IN TO THE OFFICE AFTER YOUR MEETING!!!	
Project Number#	Job Name:	Person Conducting Meeting:	

## Stilt Safety

We need to treat our stilts no differently than any other tool we use to get to our elevated work such as scaffolds, scissor lifts and ladders. **These tools need to be inspected before each shift.** We need to inspect the work area for debris, electrical cords and holes (covered/labeled/secured). We also need to inspect our stilts to verify they are in good working order. Look at the straps to see if they are frayed, check that nuts and bolts are tight, and verify there are no cracks or worn parts.

**Report any safety hazards or work related injuries to your Foreman.**

**Last week's Bonus Question:** Do we have a Stretch-Bend Poster on our jobsite?

**Answer:** Yes. If your jobsite does **NOT** have a poster, contact Dave in the warehouse (612) 644-3136.

Inspect your equipment (*scaffold, aerial lifts, ladders, fall protection, electrical cords, etc., etc.*) prior to the start of each work shift.

For **inspection packets or repair tags** call **Dave Sangren @ (612) 644-3136** to have some delivered to your jobsite.

**Please call Dave if your jobsite is in need of hand sanitizer, bleach cleaner, masks, etc.**

Any questions give Sturg a call (612) 221-8603

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME


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**Comments:**

**As of December 10, 2020 we have worked 8 days without a Lost Time Injury.**

**We have safely worked 12,988 hours towards our new ATV goal of 150,000 hours!**

Toolbox Talks winner for last week: **Claude Dobbeleare, Jesse Young @ Essentia, Jorge Lopez & Jesus Viscarra @ 270 Hennepin**

This week's Bonus Question: **What was the topic of this past week's payroll insert?**

Hint: **See payroll insert.**

**"Building a Safer Place to Work" one week at a time.**

## Do's & Don't for the use of stilts

### DO...

- Inspect stilts thoroughly before use, making sure that construction is free from damage and hazards, there is no excessive wear at the connection points, and that all bolts are tight. Special attention should be given to the entire strut tube assemblies and wing bolts in this respect.
- Walk only on suitable hard surfaces, which are level.
- Be cautious when working around low profile furniture, fixtures, pipes, etc.
- Fasten the upper leg straps first when putting on stilts.
- Disconnect upper leg straps last when removing stilts.
- Replace any damaged or excessively worn stilt components before use.
- Remove stilts to adjust them, unless assisted by another person.
- Remove stilts when moving up and down stairs.
- Cover any floor openings.
- Get help when retrieving objects from the floor. If no one is around remove them completely.
- Keep all straps tightly fastened and secured.
- Take short steps, making sure that the stilts are raised well clear of the floor with each step.
- Walk forward only, making a "U" turn to change direction.
- Adjust Stilts whenever necessary to ensure it is safe.
- Always watch where you are walking.

### DON'T...

- Wear stilts without having the proper instruction.
- Wear stilts that are uncomfortable or not adjusted properly.
- Wear stilts without having first inspected them for obvious hazards.
- Wear stilts that have clearly been misused, damaged, or modified.
- Walk on slippery surfaces.
- Work around uncovered floor openings, stairwells, etc.
- Work in or around loose items e.g. wires, cords, material etc., etc.....
- Carry heavy loads while walking on stilts.
- Run or walk fast on stilts.
- Pick up objects which are lower than foot level.
- Wear stilts that are taller than necessary.
- Lean over desks, files, boxes, or other objects while on stilts.
- Be irresponsible on stilts.
- Take steps so large that the action springs fall out. This can cause serious Injury.
- Modify this product in anyway.
- Wear stilts while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Walk on secondary scaffolding, benches, planks, etc., etc.....