

# Tools for Life – Weekly Health & Safety Meeting



## Home Healthy - Home Safe

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### Teamwork makes the Dreamwork

Working together is something that humans have been doing to accomplish big things since the beginning of time.

We have consistently utilized those around us to help in getting the big things done, and used those with specific skills for their talents, but we tend to work alone on smaller jobs in our lives. At work this practice may conflict with our safe working culture and should be avoided. Even at home, working alone can result in unexpected problems.

We always stress that working alone is dangerous because of remote locations, like roof areas or enclosed room areas. It can also be detrimental in the case of individual health issues or due to conditions in the work location. We plan for team lifting activities, elevated work, confined spaces, excavations, and numerous tasks that need to have two individuals involved. But what about that teeny little task down on the lower level of the building...it will only take a second? Maybe it will only take a minute and your partner will be right back, right? Wrong! Apollo has experienced safety and health incidents caused by personal health issues on the jobsite. These situations could have led to serious injury or fatality had circumstances and timing been slightly different.

Use the buddy system. There is never a good reason for workers to be alone in doing their tasks. No matter how mundane or simple the job may appear to be, there can always be complications or unforeseen health issues that may arise with unfortunate results.

If you must perform a task alone, make sure that someone knows where you are, when you left, and when you plan to return. Supervisors make a point of checking job sites to ensure your people are ok and have what they need to perform their work safely. We are all in this together. You are part of a TEAM, and we want you to go "Home Safe", just like you came in today.

**SAFETY REMINDER: 27.1 million Christmas trees were sold in 2017. In 2018 that number grew to 32.8 million. Even though fake trees are becoming more common, many still prefer the real thing.**

#### Discussion Points/Quiz Questions:

1. Why should you always work with a buddy?
2. What should you do if you have to work alone?
3. Are you ready for some Christmasssss????