

**So you've arrived onsite!** Your job may have you enter onto various construction sites, so what do you need to keep yourself and your employees safe?

## Check in with the General Contractor

When you first arrive onsite, you or the employee in charge should check in with the General Contractor to let them know you've arrived, how many of you there are, and what you're there to do. The GC in return will inform you of:

- Site specific PPE requirements
- Written program and training requirements
- Restricted areas
- Emergency evacuation routes, first aid kits and fire prevention information
- Who your on-site contact will be



## Vehicle safety

Most construction sites have heavy traffic areas and employees are required to work around trucks and equipment moving in and out all day. To keep yourself and other employees on the job safe:

- Check your vehicles and equipment for proper/functioning backup alarms, seatbelts, lights, and other safety features. If you see any deficiencies in vehicles and equipment onsite, let the superintendent know.
- Adhere to the site speed limit as well as any local speed limits and vehicle/equipment laws.
- As a rule of thumb, do not attempt to pass or maneuver around a vehicle or piece of equipment onsite until you have the operators attention. Often times operators may not hear or see you approaching or may be distracted by their tasks or other matters. Whether you are on foot or in a vehicle, make eye contact with the operator and get a wave or some kind of acknowledgement from them before proceeding.

## Awareness & Incidents

Chances are, you're not the only contractors onsite, so while you may be working safely, there may still be hazards all around you.

- Fill out and submit (if required) a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) prior to the start of your work.
- Inspect all of your tools and equipment before each use for damage and deficiencies.
- Along with the site specific PPE requirements, there may be areas where things such as Hot work or LOTO is occurring or loud machinery is in operation, requiring additional PPE or restricting access. If you or your employees must enter or work in such areas, make sure you inform the contractors in the area and have the PPE you need before doing so.

You are required to report all injuries, property and equipment damage, no matter how minor to the General Contractor. If an incident occurs, inform the onsite contact as soon as possible and be prepared to assist or partake in the incident investigation process.

