

TOOLBOX TALK #7

BE READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

Do you know how to respond to an emergency if one occurs on your site? These can include fires or explosions, chemical or oil spills, toxic gas releases, severe weather, workplace violence incidents, and medical emergencies.

Make sure that you and your co-workers are trained on:

- How to report an emergency.
- How to respond when an emergency alarm goes off.
- When to shelter in place and the location of the nearest safe refuge.
- When to evacuate, as well as where the nearest emergency exit is and where to gather outside (muster station) away from danger.
- Who to call, including the safety leaders, safety responders and first aid responders.

The first week in June is usually recognized as National CPR and AED Awareness Week, but you could make that “TODAY”. When an emergency arises, workers who know CPR and how to use an AED can help save lives.

A new solution: With drug overdoses, particularly from opioids and fentanyl, on the rise, the National Safety Council is recommending that all employers have naloxone nasal spray available in their first aid supplies. Employers should also provide naloxone training to all employees.

