

# VLR SAFETY TAILGATE TALK

February 2016

*Subject: Refueling Equipment*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (garage, mm, etc...):

**Instructions:**

Safety Coordinators & Supervisors should use this Tailgate Talk as a guide for discussion during their safety meetings. The primary purpose of the safety meetings is to give crews the opportunity to discuss any safety related concerns they may have.

Once the meeting has concluded, the Presenter should have each employee sign this form and include their Employee ID# in the spaces below.

TGT Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

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Refueling is an event at any jobsite. It happens so frequently that we don't always stop to think of the dangers. When we are doing something as ordinary and simple as refueling, we need to be especially mindful of the need to act safely.

**Gasoline is Dangerous**

- Gasoline and fuel oils are designed to cause an explosion, preferably in the engine.
- Fuel spills can be dangerous, in addition to being an environmental issue.
- Fuel fumes can cause significant damage to equipment and severe injuries to employees.

**Refuel Safety**

- Always concentrate on the task at hand.
- NEVER smoke while refueling.
- Don't refuel near any open flames.
- Always turn off the engine.
- Make sure the fire extinguisher is within reach.
- Be sure to chock the wheels if you feel the equipment may roll.
- Don't overfill the fuel tank.
- On hot days, allow for the fuel to expand.

**Refueling Areas**

- Be sure the area is clearly marked.
- Always clean up all spills as quickly as possible.
- Avoid possibilities of static electricity. Ground any cans being filled by placing on the ground. Never fill a can in the back of a vehicle.
- Make sure that all garbage is picked up and the equipment can easily enter and leave the area.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Safety Tailgate Talk or any safety related concerns, please contact the VTrans Safety Team.