### VLR SAFETY TAILGATE TALK

## January 2017

# Subject: Do You Know Safety?

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#### 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.

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#### What is Safety?

A Carpenter knows how to install a floor, an Ironworker knows how to erect steel, a Finisher knows how to hand trowel a surface, and workers in other trades know how to apply their skills, but how many of them "KNOW" safety?

Here are some guidelines to help you learn safety:

**KNOW YOUR JOB:** Know what your job involves, what tools you need for the job, and exactly how it should be done safely.

**KNOW YOUR TOOLS:** Know to use them safely and how to spot unsafe, worn out tools.

**KNOW YOUR JOB SAFETY RULES:** Job safety rules are designed to protect you from injury.

**KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:** Know your responsibilities to your family, your employer, yourself and co-workers.

**KNOW YOUR SAFEGUARDS:** Learn what protects you and be sure to use them.

**KNOW YOUR PENALTIES:** The penalties for being careless may include losing your job, and possibly causing yourself or a co-worker pain and suffering.

**KNOW YOUR REWARDS:** Know the advantages of working safely.

**KNOW THE REMEDIES:** Be prepared to do the right things in an emergency. Correct hazards to avoid accidents. Think before you act.

**KNOW YOURSELF:** Know your limitations and your weaknesses. Jobsite safety relies on you.

**USE ALL THE TOOLS IN YOUR TOOLBOX:** JSA'S, Traffic control plans, Tailgate talks and after action reviews are all tools that can be used to correct, enhance and strengthen your safety culture as well as the culture of others.

IF WE REMEMBER THESE GUIDELINES, WE CAN REDUCE OUR ACCIDENTS ON THE JOB.

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