



# DROPPED OBJECTS PREVENTION & RISK AWARENESS

## ToolBox Talk >> Dropped Objects



Securing your tools and materials at heights is crucial in preventing injuries and accidents. Preventing drops is everyone's job.

### RISKS

**Drop talk:** When we talk about drops, we're referring to any non-human object that takes an unexpected trip downward – from the smallest screw to the largest piece of equipment.

**How's it Happen?** It could be the wind, a slippery grip, or just a moment of distraction. Anything from the weather to a stumble can send a tool tumbling.

### COSTS

**Serious Consequences:** The stakes are high – serious injuries or even fatalities can occur, not to mention any bystanders who might be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

**Beyond a Pain:** Besides the danger of bodily harm, there's also damage to the tool itself as well as whatever it hits – from structures to nature. The cost of all of that damage adds up quickly!

**Time is Money:** Let's not forget the risk and time taken to scramble to retrieve what's been dropped.

### SOLUTIONS

**Gear Up with PPE:** Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like head and eye protection are vital, but it's not our only defense against falling objects.

**Stay Up to Date:** Through training sessions, safety talks like this, and updated standards, we can prepare before we work to prevent drops before they happen.

**Work Smarter:** It's about more than just a sure grip to prevent falling objects. Use physical barriers like toeboards and dropped objects prevention tools to stop a drop before it starts.

### The 3Ts of Dropped Objects

**Trapping:** Modify your tools to create secure attachment points, ensuring they're still fully functional and any modification does not impede their usability.

**Tethering:** Connect tools to a sturdy anchor with lanyards, keeping them within reach and off the ground.

**Topping:** Use containers with secure closures or 'tops' for transporting tools and materials.

**238 deaths**  
**52,000 injuries**  
*caused by dropped objects in 2022*

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### Look for the Label

#### ANSI/ISEA 121-2023

Ensure your preventative solutions conform to the only Dropped Objects Standard in the world. Look for the ANSI/ISEA 121 label.



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