Job Task

General Preparation

Hazard Review

Hazardous materials, unknown/unlabeled substances, moving equipment, waterborne reptiles, toxic chemicals, traffic, slip, trip, fall, trench collapse, uneven terrain, temperature extremes, overhead loads, poisonous insects, plants and snakes

2. Understand federal Right-to-Know intent and learn to use Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) in your visit investigations, when appropriate.
3. Learn the NFPA code signs and how to interpret what they tell you about an area you are entering. [Diamond-shaped, four quadrant signs containing number 0 to 4 indicating greatest risk present for flammability, toxicity, and reactivity]
4. Wear personal protective equipment (PPE). PPE may be required for: ear protection (hearing protection devices), foot protection (safety shoes), eye protection (safety glasses), and head injury prevention (hardhat).
5. Follow the requests of the host facility, but trust your instincts and feel empowered to say, “Thank you, I will wait outside.”
6. Learn what lockout/tagout is and if the facility you are visiting uses it properly. If yes, obey all requests and do not ask to “end run” their procedures. If no, proceed with caution. Do not come in close contact, reach into, or ever enter electrical or mechanical moving equipment.
7. Park in areas that: provide safe entrance and exit of work area; do not create potential conflicts with other vehicles/equipment operating in the work area.
8. Be aware of escape routes in case of emergency.
9. IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE, DO NOT DO IT!!!