

FOR CONTRACTORS

TAILGATE SAFETY MEETINGS

What, Why, Where and How.

OSHA REQUIREMENT

If you work in the construction trade, **Tailgate Safety Meetings are required by Cal/OSHA.**

WHAT IS A TAILGATE SAFETY MEETING

Tailgate Safety Meetings are **on-the-job meetings that target the hazards and safe work practices** for the job and tasks that your employees are actually performing.

PURPOSE

- Improve the safety culture in your business.
- Help your employees recognize and eliminate jobsite hazards.
- Train employees in safe work practices.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU HAVE A TAILGATE SAFETY MEETING

California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 1509(e) states: Supervisory employees shall conduct "tailgate" safety meetings, or equivalent, with their crews **at least every 10 working days** to emphasize safety.

PDCC IS YOUR SOURCE FOR TAILGATES

- PDCC emails members a Tailgate every "Tailgate Tuesday" in English & Spanish.
- We can also email the weekly Tailgate to other supervisory employees in your company.

WHAT SHOULD THE TAILGATES BE ABOUT

Tailgate safety meetings must **address a topic that is relevant to the job or tasks that your workers perform.** Talk about work practices, tools, equipment, materials, attitudes and anything else that may cause or contribute to a work-related accident or illness.

Look for potential safety hazards on your jobsite. If an accident or near-accident occurred at your jobsite, talk about the incident, including why it happened and how it can be prevented from happening again.

Encourage your employees to suggest Tailgate safety topics.

Encourage your employees to point out potential hazards and to share their personal safety experiences.

HOW LONG SHOULD THE TAILGATE MEETING BE

The **Tailgate Safety Meeting** can be as brief as **10 or 15 minutes**. Hold the meeting at the jobsite, preferably at the start of a shift or after a break.

SHOULD THE TAILGATE BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON

Yes.

TAILGATE TOPICS FOR PAINTING CONTRACTORS

OSHA has a list of [Construction Safety Topics](#) and articles. Generally, the following are some of the safety topics relevant to painters.

- Fall Protection, Ladders, Stairs, Scaffolding
- Lead, Mold, Asbestos
- Respiratory Protection, Eye & Face Protection
- Airless Sprayers, Hand and Power Tools
- First Aid, Heat Illness Prevention, Lifting Heavy Objects
- Driving Safely