Toolbox Talks are intended to facilitate health and safety discussions. For additional Toolbox Talks, please visit http://www.ehs.iastate.edu/shops

General Information

Horseplay is an activity that usually starts out with harmless intentions but may result in serious injury. Using tools or equipment in a manner for which they weren’t designed can create unsafe situations. Review the following tips and guidelines to help ensure a safe and productive work environment.

Safe Work Procedures:

- Do not play practical jokes on people.
- Do not purposely startle someone. Doing so could create a reaction where the person could fall into equipment or get a limb caught in a pinch point, among other injuries.
- Do not use equipment for any purpose other than what it was designed to do.
- Do not disable or circumvent safety controls on equipment or machinery in any way.
- Do not use materials and supplies for anything other than their intended use.

Discussion Topics:

✓ Think of some instance where you engaged in horseplay, or were the recipient of a practical joke. Were there safety hazards involved? What were they?