Shop Safety Culture

Toolbox Talks are intended to facilitate health and safety discussions. Find more Toolbox Talks on the Occupational Safety web page.

General Information
Boisterous play 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 are not 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 is designed.
- 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 purpose.

Discussion Topics
- Think of some instance where you engaged in boisterous play, or were the recipient of a practical joke. Were there safety hazards involved? What were they?