



# HAZARD ASSESSMENTS

## TOOLBOX TALK SERIES – ACCIDENT PREVENTION

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The Town of Perinton as your employer has a duty to protect you from harm in the workplace. To accomplish this task we must identify and control hazards that are present in the workplace. Can you identify hazards?

### Types of Workplace Hazards

Hazards present in the workplace generally fall into one of the follow categories:

- Safety Hazards (e.g. unguarded machinery)
- Biological Hazards (e.g. blood)
- Physical Hazards (e.g. radiation)
- Ergonomic Hazards (e.g. poor posture)
- Chemical Hazards (e.g. solvents)
- Work Organization Hazards (e.g. workload)
- Environmental Hazards (e.g. Noise, Dust)



### When to Identify Hazards

- During the planning phases of a job. This includes when new process or equipment are involved.
- Before starting a job in a hazardous environment.
- During the work. Monitor for abnormal conditions.
- After an incident or near miss.

### How to Identify Hazards

- Conduct a job hazard assessment. Identify specific tasks, equipment and locations.
- Review Past incidents and identify concerns.
- Work as a group to utilize multiple perspectives to identify hazards.
- Observe the work being done, and identify any potential developing hazards.

**HAZARDS COME IN MANY DIFFERENT SHAPES AND FORMS.**