

# Safety-Gram

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## TAILGATE TOPIC

### SAFE USE OF CELL PHONES

#### DANGERS

Can cause inattentiveness on the job site.

Co-workers can be distracted by other's cell phone usage.

Cell phone usage can result in damage to property or personal injury.

#### DISTRACTIONS

Never use a cell phone while operating equipment.

Never use a cell phone to send/receive text messages while operating equipment.

Store your cell phone in a location that will prevent its ring from startling you or anyone in the area.

Let calls go straight to voicemail to be retrieved at a later time.

#### HAZARDS

Do not operate a cell phone near flammable liquid. Turn cell phones off near any refueling station or hazardous chemicals, and obey all signs and instructions.

Turn off cell phones within 100 feet of any blasting area. Observe restrictions and follow any rules or regulations.

Know site-specific hazard areas associated with cell phone usage.

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES

Hands-free speaker phone devices are safer.

Outgoing calls should be made from a safe location and in a parked position.

Incoming calls should be answered via speaker phone device or voicemail, unless driver is parked or stopped in a safe location.