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SIP TIP: HERE'S AN EASY WAY TO GET "OUT OF WORK"!!

We've all had days where you just didn't want to be at work. You probably spent the better part of your drive into work trying to think of an excuse for not showing up. And if seeing people fishing along Lake Erie in the early hours of the day, or seeing a packed car inevitably bound for a vacation destination, wasn't enough to force your wheel in a different direction, you probably spent time at work thinking of some excuse to leave. Basically, you wanted to get out of work.

But did you ever spend time actually thinking about what would happen if you really had to leave work in an emergency. You probably know the way out of your house should an emergency arise, but can you say the same thing about your work site. And while you may be at a worksite for a considerable period of time, what happens when you are reassigned to a new site that is well-along in the construction process. And now that we are moving into the colder months, exits will be less and less noticeable with closed doors and plastic sheeting enclosures.

OSHA's Emergency Exit regulation for all construction sites (1926.34) has three main components:

Free and Unobstructed Exit From All Parts of a Building: (a)

In every building or structure exits shall be so arranged and maintained as to provide free and unobstructed egress from all parts of the building or structure at all times when it is occupied. No lock or fastening to prevent free escape from the inside of any building shall be installed except in mental, penal, or corrective institutions where supervisory personnel is continually on duty and effective provisions are made to remove occupants in case of fire or other emergency.

Exits Marked With A Readily Visible Sign, and Route Signs if Needed: (b) "Exit marking." Exits shall be

marked by a readily visible sign. Access to exits shall be marked by readily visible signs in all cases where the exit or way to reach it is not immediately visible to the occupants.



Keep Exits and Routes Clear: (c) "Maintenance and workmanship." Means of egress shall be continually maintained free of all obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency.

SOME KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. Know where the nearest exit is to your workspace.
2. If you have personnel responsibility at a project site (e.g., foreman, steward, superintendent), pretend you are a first-time visitor to the site. Could you find your way out of the building at all locations?
3. Make sure routes and exits are not obstructed.

DO THESE THINGS, AND "GETTING OUT OF WORK" EVERYDAY WILL BE A REALITY