

# Let's Talk Safety



## #1 Falling or dropped objects

Risk awareness and prevention - if you see it you can manage it.



Think about it



Talk about it



Act on it

### Top causes of falling or dropped objects:

- **Improper storage:** objects not secured while being at a higher level.
- **Improper lifting practices:**
  - Load not secured or rigged to prevent objects or load dropping.
  - Load collides with structure or obstacles.
  - Not complying with the drop zone barricading requirement when executing lifts.
  - Lift plans that do not consider and mitigate for dropped objects.
- **Poor housekeeping** including inadequate workplace inspections.
- **Poor Working at Heights (WAH) practices** causing objects (including tools) to drop or fall.
- **Poor workplace setup:** no or inadequate edge protection. The safe setup of the workplace should include work planning.
- **Poor maintenance** resulting in structural failures where objects fall to a lower level.

- To help prevent these incidents it is important that we consciously look for falling/dropped object potential. Once you have identified the risks, what can you do to control or eliminate them? As a team, decide if you are doing enough to prevent falling or dropped objects.

- Intervene immediately when observing any potentially unsafe conditions and report incidents, near-misses and sources of error promptly.