

Apprentice & Journeymen Training Trust Fund

Of the Southern California Plumbing & Piping Industry

UA Standard for Safety

Member & Local Union Responsibilities

- Take pride in working safely
- Never take shortcuts
- Always wear the proper personal protective equipment
- Pay attention at safety meetings
- Don't try something if you don't know how to do it
- Make sure your work area is clean and well lit
- Keep walkways clear
- Focus on your task at hand
- Know where the exits are
- Lift with your legs and push rather than pull a heavy load
- Inspect all rigging equipment prior to use
- Remove defective equipment from service immediately
- Never work under a suspended load
- Use and place ladders carefully
- Never stand on the top two rungs of a ladder
- Fall protection to be worn when exposed to a fall of 6 feet or more
- Never attempt to move a person who has fallen unless they are in immediate danger
- Learn CPR, first aid and emergency procedures
- Don't overload electrical outlets
- Report near misses
- Keep hazardous substances off of skin and clothing
- Report exposures to your employer
- Know the hazards of the materials you work with
- Never take lunch boxes into work areas where chemicals may contaminate your food
- Carry sharp tools with the points down
- Lock out Tag machinery before repairing it and prove that it is de-energized
- Inspect tools for damage and repair or remove from service
- Check for fraying on power cords
- Have properly guarded tools
- Dress right for heat or cold
- Long hair should be tucked away under hard hat or cap. especially when working around moving equipment
- Always wear long sleeved shirts when working with welders or around steam
- If you wear prescription glasses, have your eyes check annually
- Stay alert and get the proper amount of sleep
- When taking medications, know the side effects such as dizziness, etc.
- When working shift work, never drink alcohol within 8 hours of your shift
- All UA jobs have zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol
- In the hot summer months, drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and avoid heat stroke
- Cell phones are to be used at break and lunch time only
- Always put caps on oxygen and acetylene bottles when transporting them

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- Store flammables correctly
- Lock out Tag machinery before repairing it
- Check for fraying on power cords
- Remove unsafe tools from service
- Have properly guarded tools
- Provide adequate sanitary facilities
- Supply first aid kits with periodic inspections
- Treat injuries promptly
- Provide safety training
- Require pre-task planning for potentially hazardous tasks
- Provide proper ventilation
- Plan the job before you start
- Provide Material safety data sheets
- Have basic, standard personal protective equipment available for use
- Require fall protection to be worn when exposed to a fall of 6 feet or more
- Maintain rigging equipment in safe operating condition
- Remove defective equipment from service immediately
- Encourage all foremen and general foremen to advance and take OSHA 30 when available (this will increase their safety awareness, like recognizing if a scaffold is built properly before they ask their UA brothers and sisters to get on a dangerous scaffold).
“UA 10 & UA 30 are available at no charge in many Local Unions”