

keep



safety

Safety Focus of the Month

Investigate

Assess the jobsite and any potential hazards.

Each month we will highlight each letter of: **SIMPLE**. The safety team will be providing table tents to place around your offices.

KSS Story of the Month

Thank you to Tony and Chris for sharing their stories about how their teams implemented “STOP” on the jobsite this past month.

Looks like “INVESTIGATE” also played a key role in power lines and GRENADES last month too.

We encourage all teams to keep telling their stories about jobsite KSS wins!

Did you know a Solar Eclipse is coming in the next week?

Just kidding, of course you did. In all seriousness, TxDOT has been planning on the event for quite awhile due to the anticipated increase in traffic. Though Texas had an annular eclipse last year, the Solar Eclipse is anticipated to draw over one million people to Austin and the surrounding areas.

The event will take place on April 8, is a perfect time to put your Keep Safety SIMPLE letters to good use. “STOP” and “INVESTIGATE” are needed everyday but will be crucial once our areas experience the Solar Eclipse.

During the event, the sky will go from sunny to dark, as if it is dawn or dusk for about 4-5 minutes depending on your location. Visibility will be more limited at this time. Remember to:

1. Investigate your surroundings even more during this time to ensure you and your teammates remain safe.
2. Take extra time to complete work, if necessary.
3. Stop if you feel any uneasiness with work you are performing and wait until the eclipse passes.
4. Wear Solar Eclipsed approved glasses.

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Use these TxDOT resources and tips to implement “Investigate” on the job.

1

360 Walk Around

Foundation 14: #14 - Completing a standard and simple walk around of your vehicle and assessment of your job site will save you time in the long run, but it can also save a life!

Remember to place flags on your vehicle's bumpers after exiting and retrieve them when reentering.

2

Preventative Maintenance

Foundation 14: #5

- All vehicles should be inspected prior to use.
- The pre-trip equipment walk around inspection process is required to ensure all vehicles and equipment are safe to operate.
- Daily inspection forms [2611](#) and [2377](#) must be used for each truck and trailer combination.

3

Smith Driving: The Smith 5 Keys

Remember the Smith 5 Keys to help investigate and assess potential roadway hazards and avoid accidents.

1. Aim High in Steering
2. Get the Big Picture
3. Keep Your Eyes Moving
4. Leave Yourself an Out
5. Make Sure They See You

Monthly Highlights

Congratulations on receiving your vent clips and koozies. We hope your teams like them!

To get the most scent out of your vent clip:

1. Unscrew the top
2. Open the bag of scented beads
3. Pour the beads into the center and reseal
4. Place in your vehicle and enjoy!!

