



Safety Focus of the Month

Strategize

What does "Strategize" mean to you on the job?

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

Strategize against injuries!

TxDOT has recently seen an increase in pinch point injuries across Texas. These injuries often result in avulsions, fractures, and even amputations. Use the tips below to avoid pinch points and crushing injuries while on the job.

- Eliminate hazards by ensuring proper guarding is in place.
- Pay attention to if your hands are around any moving parts or objects with the potential to move.
- Wear the proper gloves for the work task you are completing.
- Properly block any equipment or parts where stored energy could be released.
- Look first and do not place your hands where you cannot see a hazard.
- Utilize lock-out/tag-out procedures when making repairs to prevent accidental energization.

For more ways to prevent injuries, please visit the [Occupational Safety Portal](#) on Crossroads.



FY25 Long Term Challenge

The FY25 KSS challenge officially is here! From September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025, all Austin district employees/teams are eligible to win an award if **all the challenge requirements are met.**

Challenge Requirements

- No preventable incidents
- No preventable injuries
- Mission Zero **must** be met

Challenge Award

The winners will receive a custom, laser engraved tumbler!

End of Year Challenge

All sections who achieve **mission zero** for FY25 will be entered in a random drawing to win a free, hot and homemade breakfast cooked by Tucker, Mike and Lori!

