

Safety Focus of the Month

Execute

Execute proper parking.

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



Protect Yourself and Coworkers!

Week 7 of *Safe Days of Summer* challenges you to protect yourself and your team by wearing all required PPE for your tasks and helping coworkers make sure they have all the correct PPE!

Summer PPE

Staying cool while on the job is essential in the summer heat! Here is a list of the PPE you should use to stay safe while working:

- Poison ivy/poison oak lotion
- Hard hat visor/neck shade
- High vis balaclava
- Cooling bandana
- Bug repellent
- Cooling cloth
- Sunscreen
- Water jug
- Electrolytes



Make Safety a Habit

Wearing PPE is not just about following rules: it's about ensuring you go home safely every day.

- Keep your PPE together in one place so it's easy to grab
- Regularly clean and maintain your PPE to keep it in good condition



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Use these TxDOT resources and tips to implement "Execute" on the job.

1

Parking

Foundation 14: #11

Pull through parking is the optimal way to park a vehicle at TxDOT. Things to consider while executing safe parking are:

- Parallel park along a legal curb.
- Park away from congestion.
- Use "back in first" if no pull through parking opportunities are available.
- Always think about departure upon arrival.

2

Idling

Foundation 14: #3

Chapter 5, Section 1 of the Texas Transportation Code states that TxDOT employees are to not leave a vehicle's engine idling and the vehicle unattended.

Vehicle's engine must be turned off, left in gear or park with the parking brake applied, and keys removed to avoid vandalism or theft.

3

Parking Brakes

Foundation 14: #4

Avoid vehicles from unintentionally rolling. An operator shall not leave a vehicle unattended without:

- Stopping the engine.
- Locking the ignition.
- Taking the key out of the ignition.
- Setting the parking brake.
- If standing on a grade, turning the front of the wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

The required use of parking brakes is not just a Foundation 14 item, but also a state law!

Goodbye FY24!

August wraps up the KSS campaign for FY24! Thank you to everyone for participating in the KSS monthly challenges and helping to make TxDOT an even safer place to work.

But just because the challenges are over doesn't mean practicing safety has to end with them. Let's finish the year out strong by remembering to follow our Foundation 14 items!

Thanks for a great fiscal year! Good Luck!!