

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER MEMPHIS
VOLUNTEER SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Report any condition that looks unsafe to a supervisor.
- Hard hats must be worn during demolition work, during the framing phase of construction, if individuals are working above you, or as advised by your supervisor. (Hard hats are available in the tool truck.)
- Protective eyewear should be worn during operation of power saws or other equipment that may throw off particles. (Safety glasses are available in the tool truck.)
- Gloves should be worn while handling wood or metal products.
- Protective earplugs should be worn during prolonged operation of power tools. (Earplugs are available in the tool truck.)
- Dust masks should be worn when cutting Hardi-plank, installing insulation or sanding. (Dust masks are available in the tool truck.)
- Do not operate power tools without proper instruction from your supervisor.
- Make sure blade guards are in place when operating power saws.
- Avoid stepping on electrical power cords, especially in wet locations.
- Make sure the ground fault circuit interrupter is in place before plugging in electrical power cords.
- Do not use broken or malfunctioning tools.
- If you cut or injure yourself, report to your supervisor immediately for first aid.
- If someone else cuts him/herself and blood gets on you, report this immediately to your supervisor.
- Inspect ladders prior to use to make sure it is secure; the right size for the job, and is on solid footing. Carry tools and materials in proper carrying devices and keep hands free for climbing. Always face the ladder while climbing or descending. Never stretch/or reach while on the ladder. Do not use aluminum ladders around electrical power lines.
- Inspect scaffolding prior to use. (Youth between the ages of 16 and 17 are not allowed on scaffolding.) Keep all debris off scaffolding and be aware of individuals that may be below you. Do not overload the scaffolding.
- No youth under the age of 16 will be allowed on the construction site.
- Youth between the ages of 16 and 17 must provide a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
- Youth between the ages of 16 and 17 may not participate in the following activities: use of power tools or saws, wrecking/demolitions, excavation operations, or roofing.
- Youth between the ages of 16 and 17 may participate in the following activities: errand/clean-up/recycling work, office/clerical work, landscaping which does not involve the use of power tools, or painting.
- An adult must accompany groups of 4 or more youth between the ages of 16 and 17.