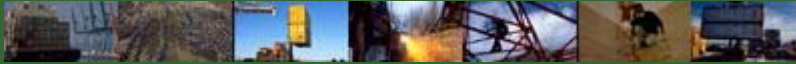




# Safety Meeting Outline



**SMO 06-0701**

## **PRESSURE TREATED WOOD**

*By SeaBright Insurance Loss Control*

Pressure treated wood has been an effective way of extending the life of wood that is in contact with moisture and the environment for many years. There are three common types of preservatives commonly in use to pressure-treat wood products, protecting them from decay causing fungi and damage from insects. They are:

**Creosote** and creosote solutions

**Pentachlorophenol (PCP)** an oil-based preservative

**Inorganic** arsenical, a waterborne preservative (such as: Chromated copper arsenate (CCA))

These preservatives are all registered pesticides with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). They are forced into the wood fibers under pressure. Exposure to any of them may present a hazard to your health.

Treated wood can be found in many common locations, such as: railroad ties, logs for log homes, pilings and timbers for docks and other marine structures, utility and power transmission poles and landscaping timbers. Each one of the pressure treated wood chemicals used in the process has a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). However, once the wood has been treated with one of these pesticides the product distributor is not required attach an MSDS unto the treated wood, so it is available to the end user / customer. Today, some of these products do come with stamped, labeled, or tagged markings giving information.

Do not use pressure treated wood where it will come into direct contact with drinking water, food, or animal feed. Avoid inhalation of the sawdust, as you would with any kind of wood. When power sawing or machining treated lumber, try to do it outdoors, always wearing a dust mask to avoid inhaling the sawdust. Always wear eye protection and other appropriate personal protective equipment to avoid frequent or prolonged skin contact and use gloves impervious to the chemicals. Work clothes should be laundered before re-use and washed separately from the household wash.

Consider pressure treated wood a chemical. If you will be working with pressure treated wood, treat it like any other chemical. Wash your hands thoroughly before eating or smoking. Use appropriate PPE and dispose of the material in correctly. Never burn treated wood.



# SAFETY MEETING AGENDA

DEPARTMENT/JOB SITE: \_\_\_\_\_ MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. **Open Meeting & Present safety topic:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **Read minutes from previous meeting.**
- 3. **Persons present:**

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- 4. **Old Business** – Status of previous recommendations. Discuss pending old business if any.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5. **Accidents** – Discuss accidents and near misses that have occurred since the last meeting. Brief summary of accidents to date by number and type. Note any trends. Discuss corrective action taken, or needed. Concentrate on accident causes to make everyone more aware.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6. **Inspection Reports** – Report on findings and recommendations of any inspection reports made since last meeting.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7. **New Business** – Solicit employee suggestions. Discuss new procedures, changes to company safety policy, etc.

TIME MEETING STARTED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME FINISHED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MEETING CHAIRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_