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Please consider the following infographic below to make sure your transition back to work is safe.

<p>Electricity</p> 	<p><u>Implement the 5 Golden Rules</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disconnect the Apparatus Completely</li> <li>2. Secure against Reconnection</li> <li>3. Verify the Apparatus is Disconnected by checking for the absence of voltage</li> <li>4. Carry Out Earthing and Short Circuiting immediately after Absence of Voltage is Verified</li> <li>5. Protect Against adjacent live parts</li> </ol>	<p>Slips, Trips &amp; Falls</p> 	<p><u>Watch where you are Going</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wear Appropriate Footwear</li> <li>2. Assess Weather and Ground conditions underfoot and include on JSSP where relevant.</li> <li>3. Maintain high standards of Housekeeping</li> <li>4. Make sure lighting is adequate</li> <li>5. Be alert in areas where hidden hazards may exist or in areas where the surface changes</li> </ol>
<p>Human-Machine Interface</p> 	<p><u>Working with Plant &amp; Machinery</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stay Well Clear of Operating Plant and Machinery</li> <li>2. Operators be Aware of the Position of people</li> <li>3. Ensure proper planning of work taking account of both Site and Weather conditions</li> <li>4. Implement Safe systems of work</li> <li>5. Ensure the Plant and Machinery are appropriate for the work and loads involved</li> <li>6. Ensure Operators are competent and operate accordingly</li> </ol>	<p>Driving</p> 	<p><u>Drive Safely</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be aware of weather and road conditions</li> <li>2. Always keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front</li> <li>3. Always wear your seat belt, it could save your life.</li> <li>4. Avoid using a mobile phone or other mobile device while driving</li> <li>5. Never Text or Email or Read Texts or Emails while driving</li> <li>6. Always carry out the vehicle daily safety checks</li> </ol>
<p>Working at Heights</p> 	<p><u>Working at Heights</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Always check your climbing equipment before use and ensure it is "Fit for Purpose"</li> <li>2. Ensure that your gear and equipment is within its inspection date and certified where required</li> <li>3. Always make sure your Fall Arrest or Restraint Lanyard is engaged properly.</li> <li>4. When climbing over an obstacle always use your Auxiliary rope.</li> </ol>	<p>Knives</p> 	<p><u>Using Knives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use the most appropriate approved knife/tool for the task being undertaken</li> <li>2. Wear cut resistant gloves for tasks where it is practicable to do so.</li> <li>3. Always use a sharp blade. Used correctly, it is safer than a blunt blade.</li> <li>4. Stay focussed on the task at hand.</li> <li>5. Always direct the cutting movement of the blade away from all parts of the body.</li> <li>6. Always place a knife back into its holder/sheath when not in use.</li> <li>7. Do not apply too much pressure on the blade</li> </ol>
<p>Manual Handling</p> 	<p><u>Manual Handling</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carry out an assessment on the load to be lifted</li> <li>2. If its not safe to lift – STOP</li> <li>3. Always use mechanical means when possible &amp; practicable</li> <li>4. If you have to lift an object use the proper technique so as to protect your back</li> </ol>		<p><u>Finally</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Re-Focus on your own Safety and that of your colleagues</li> <li>2. Stay Focussed</li> <li>3. If in Doubt, Stop Work and Ask for Clarification</li> <li>4. Wear your Personal Protective Equipment or PPE</li> </ol>

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