

TOOLBOX TALK — WORKING NEAR WATER — FALLING IN IS THE EASY PART

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Five to ten minutes at the workplace, spoken by the supervisor, recorded below — and two-way, or it is not a talk

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WHY THIS TALK: Cold water takes your breath in the first seconds, your hands in minutes and your life soon after, and boots and wet clothing drag you down before anyone can reach you. A fall into a dock or a river is an emergency the site has to have planned before it happens.

1 THE SESSION

SITE / PROJECT

DELIVERED BY

DATE

TIME

2 THE POINTS TO MAKE — TICK AS COVERED, IN YOUR OWN WORDS

- Edges protected before work starts: barriers, guardrails, fenced-off drops — a rope and a sign is not edge protection
- Lifejackets, not buoyancy aids, worn, checked and in date wherever there is a fall risk into water, whatever the depth
- Rescue kit at the edge and known: throw lines, rescue pole, a ladder or steps out of the water — and someone trained to use them
- Never work alone near water, and the person on the bank knows the drill — shout, throw, tell; do not jump in
- Tides, flows and levels change: check the forecast and the times; a wet ledge at low water is a drowning at high
- Plant kept back from edges with stops; a machine into water traps the operator — the cab door will not open against the pressure
- Cold shock is real: if you go in, stay still for the first moments, get your breath, then get to the edge

MADE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE

3 ASK THE CREW — AND WRITE DOWN WHAT COMES BACK

- Where is the water on this site, and which of it could you fall into from where you work?
- Who is rescue-trained here, and where is the throw line?
- What time is high water today, and what does that change?

WHAT THE CREW RAISED, AND WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT IT

4 WHO WAS THERE

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE

RECORD COMPLETED BY

SIGNATURE

DATE

FILED WHERE

R REVISION HISTORY

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