



# ***Master Brewers Safety Toolbox Talk***

## **Hindsight 2020**

2020 was an interesting and somewhat difficult year for many people. Small businesses and breweries have done what they can to survive. Normal isn't defined the same way any longer.

We at the Master Brewers Brewery Safety Committee have been focused on trying to provide as many resources as possible for the continued Health, Safety, and Well-being of employees in Brewery and Brewpub operations. This issue of the Tool Box Talk (TBT) is going to take a look back at a few of the resources that were published in 2020, as well as look forward with upcoming potential requirements for your operations and what the Safety Committee has in store for 2021. There will be some hyperlinks in this document to assist you with finding the information and resources.

With increased demands, business slowdowns and even potentially downsizing staff, safety more than ever needs to be on the front of each person's mind. One small misstep can change a whole operation. One is the items that the Safety Committee published as a TBT dealt with was conducting a [Job Hazard Analysis](#). Conducting a JHA within your facility is a critical starting point to the success of your facility overall safety programs.

Over the course of this year and part of last we have highlighted various items related to [safe hose management](#) ([hose system webinar](#) and [hose fitting](#) TBT). We all know that brewery hose is a critical portion of operations but can present some potentials for slips, trips and falls.



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Not only is that a potential hazard, but also the type of hose we use for certain material conveyance, the way we store and inspect them and even how we connect them are items we need to be aware of.

Another item that can be overlooked is [Ergonomics](#). We are all guilty of rushing around, feeling like we are truly invincible and that we can lift every item that is in the brewery by ourselves. But we can't, and ergonomics involves more than lifting. It is how we sit, lift, stand, and just overall movements. And remember, if lifting is something that you have to do, use the proper technique and even proper equipment, like a [Forklift](#).

There are several other really great TBTs that have been prepared over the past few years by some wonderfully dedicated Safety Committee members. I encourage you to look at those and use them to improve your safety programs within your operations. If there are topics that you need further assistance on, you can visit the [Brewery Safety Resources](#) page and reach out to our Committee. I encourage you also to visit the [Brewery Safety Community of Practice](#), post a question or look at questions that others have asked and even comment.

Moving into 2021, the Brewery Safety Committee will still continue to develop TBTs for your use, but we will also start developing resources that will allow you to further develop your safety programs. Our TBTs will morph into several levels of information that can be utilized for training, program development and overall useful information. If there are topics you need or want to see, please let us know.

The last topic we want to cover is the [OSHA Recordkeeping](#) requirements. If you have 10 or more employees, you must keep injury and illness records. This is referred to as the OSHA



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300 Logs. The logs must be updated within 7 days of a required reportable injury or illness and the logs must be maintained for up to 5 years. Annually you must post the OSHA 300A on February 1<sup>st</sup> in a conspicuous location that employees can see and leave it posted at least until April 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information and resources, follow the hyperlink above.

We at the MBAA Brewery Safety Committee wish you a 2021 full of health and prosperity. Again, if there are topics or questions that you have related to safety or environmental issues, please reach out and ask. We are here for you! Cheers!