

The Pile Times

Deep Foundations

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“Am I my Brother’s Keeper?” by: Lance Bradley

“Be Your Brother’s Keeper”- This statement is written in the comments section on the back of the pre-task 95% of the time. But are you actually acting on it or just acting like you do? What does it actually mean to “be your brother’s keeper”? Let’s look at the following examples of being your brother’s keeper:

- **Willie Carter**—Noticed that the sheet pile shackles were not properly installed/latched. Willie stopped work, had operator lower the sheet, and had man lift operator go up and latch sheet correctly.
- **Austin Thompson**— While installing sheets w/ Giken, Austin noticed the Giken leaning, sitting unlevel, and the wall starting to sink. Austin stopped work and alerted the superintendent. Decision was made to back walk the Giken to a stable area on the sheets and develop an alternate plan of action.
- **Joseph Coneff**— Joseph observed a coworker getting ready to climb onto a load (on a truck) potentially putting him over the 6’ maximum height. Joseph stopped him and made him aware of the potential fall hazard, and instructed him not to climb on the load.
- **James Burnaman**— While attempting to stab a sheet, James stopped work after realizing that the wind was blowing too hard to safely guide the sheet. The sheet was set back down and work was paused until the wind died down.
- **John Johnson**— John noticed the crane mats were in poor condition and unable to support the weight of the crane. John stopped work and had the crane mats removed from service and new ones put in place.
- **Derick Alexander**— Derick observed a coworker with his back towards a forklift that was approaching him. Derick got the coworkers attention and had him move out of path of travel and he also alerted the forklift operator to sound the horn when backing up with a load.
- **Dylan Angeron**— Dylan identified a 6ft drop-off at a leading edge which presented a falling hazard. Dylan discussed it with supervision and had a hard barricade installed to protect the crew from the falling hazard.

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At its core, be your brother’s keeper means taking responsibility for the well-being and protection of someone be it a family member, a coworker, or a friend. It suggests a sense of obligation to look after others and to help them when they need it. The phrase has come to symbolize the idea of a shared connection and mutual support between everyone.

In our line of work, being a brother’s keeper is critical. From being surrounded by heavy equipment to rigging of objects that weigh thousands of pounds, hazards exists everywhere, and we are exposed to them on a daily basis. How do we address these hazards though? One way is by speaking up when we see or sense that something is not right. Your gut is a great indicator. If it does not feel right, it is probably because it is not. If you see a situation that does not make sense or you know is wrong, *Stop While You’re Ahead*. Assess the situation and determine as a team what needs to be changed in order to safely proceed. These hazards can only be effectively addressed if we come together and support each other. By being our brother’s keeper, we can help ensure that everyone has the opportunity to lead a healthy, fulfilling life.

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