

Survival of the Fittest

FIFTY STRATEGIES FOR JOBSITE SUCCESS



Union Construction: The Future is in Your Hands

HERE ARE FIFTY QUICK TIPS AND REMINDERS TO HELP MAKE YOU A MORE SUCCESSFUL JOURNEYMAN:

1. Gas up your car the night before work.
2. Never cash your check at a bar.
3. Don't burn bridges at any company.
4. Go to the doctor when you need to.
5. Earn respect (above all else).
6. Compliment co-workers when they deserve it.
7. Coach co-workers when they need it.
8. Quit smoking (or at least cut down).
9. Take advantage of any and all union-provided training.
10. Mentor an apprentice.
11. If you're an apprentice, find a mentor.
12. If you know this industry isn't for you, find something else that fits.
13. Clean up at the end of the shift, not twenty minutes early.
14. Do your share of shit work.
15. Learn people's names.
16. Know the boss's name, face, and truck.
17. Believe in yourself.
18. Eat breakfast.
19. Don't take a bad day on the job home with you.
20. Don't bring home issues to work.
21. If everybody at work hates you, get a dog.
22. More than one hangover a month on a workday is a bad sign.
23. Learn CPR.
24. Don't shortcut safety for production.
25. Don't shortcut quality for production.
26. Don't shortcut production for socializing.
27. Ask for more if you deserve it.
28. Push for foreman if you want it.
29. Learn your company's history.
30. Splurge for quality boots.
31. Drink tons of water when it's hot.
32. No horseplay.
33. Learn a couple of good jokes.
34. Don't lend your stuff.
35. Don't borrow stuff.
36. Don't lend money on the job.
37. Put things back.
38. Check the crew truck one more time to make sure you've got what you need.
39. Become friends with the dispatcher.
40. Be someone people look up to.
41. Never put yourself above others.
42. Go to union meetings.
43. Be proud of yourself.
44. Show up early.
45. Save up for something you really want and pay for it in cash.
46. Do something really nice for your spouse at least once a month.
47. Stand up for others on the job when it's right, even if it's unpopular.
48. Give the book "Survival of the Fittest" to someone on the job site.
49. Make sure to love your kids as your first priority.
50. _____ (fill in your own).

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