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SMOHIT Safety Sense Toolbox Talks for the Sheet Metal Industry	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Cell Phone Safety</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cell phones have changed the world we live in. We can now talk to any person from anywhere at any time. But it's not always safe to talk on a cell phone. Sometimes, there are situations in which talking on a cell phone can be very dangerous. Workers' full attention and all physical capabilities should be focused on the job at hand if we expect to perform our jobs in a safe manner. An injury or loss of life is a high price to pay just to answer a phone call. Cell phones have been listed as a contributing factor in vehicle accidents. Drivers who use cell phones while driving are slower to react. Even people using hands-free kits are liable to get engrossed in a conversation and distracted from what is happening around them. If you receive a call or you need to make a call, pull off the road to a safe spot and park your vehicle before using the phone. Reports of people causing explosions by using their cell phones at gas stations often circulate, but they are difficult to confirm. Nevertheless, it is possible for high-powered batteries that are used in cell phones to create an ignition-capable spark that could prove catastrophic if it occurred near a gas pump. To be safe, never use your cell phone while you are pumping gas. Reports show that cell phones may interfere with computerized crane information. 	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Instructor Tips</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask how many workers carry cell phones. Ask if they use their cell phones while driving or while pumping gas. Ask workers if they or anyone they know have ever been in an accident due to driving while talking on the phone. Discuss the experiences.
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Reference: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration