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**SMOHIT Safety Sense**

**Toolbox Talks for the Sheet Metal Industry**

**Parking Lot Safety**

- Parking lots typically have a higher rate of criminal activity because they are set away from buildings and are more isolated. Crimes such as theft, assault, and vandalism often occur in parking lots.
- A safer parking lot includes the following elements:
  - good lighting so that criminals cannot hide well;
  - a fenced-in lot;
  - a security gate that is either guarded or locked at certain hours;
  - clearly marked and functional emergency phones or alarms;
  - car licenses of workers should be registered with personnel or security;
  - frequent security guard patrolling; and
  - security cameras to detect suspicious people or vehicles.
- Don't walk out to the parking lot alone after dark. Use the buddy system and walk out with a coworker. Remember, there really is safety in numbers.
- Park in well-lit areas. Avoid parking in dark pockets if returning after dark.
- Always keep your vehicle locked, and keep your keys in your hand when approaching your vehicle.
- Look for suspicious people and vehicles. Be aware of the area you are approaching. Look around and underneath your vehicle and check the back seat or truck bed before entering your vehicle. Use emergency phones or alarms if anything looks suspicious.
- Armed with these precautions, employees should lessen the chances of violence in parking lots at work and other locations.

**Instructor Tips**

- **Emphasize the importance of worker awareness and alertness when walking through parking lots, especially at night.**

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Reference: General Duty Clause, Section 5(a)(1) OSH Act