



# SAFETY ALERT

## Venomous Snake Encounter

### Incident:

On 7/18/2024, James Ellison, a member of our Quality team, was on the Kyndwood project approaching the Bluebox to confirm dimensions of the pipe to assist in the job layout. While looking up at the Bluebox and not at the ground, James was stopped in his tracks by Raul Gonzalez, who pointed out a rattlesnake directly in front of him, preventing a potential snakebite incident.

### Key Points:

- **Always be aware of your surroundings.**
- **Use a buddy system when navigating the jobsite on foot.**
- **Stay vigilant and communicate with team members to ensure safety.**

### Lessons Learned:

- **Situational Awareness:** Always check your surroundings, both at eye level and on the ground.
- **Buddy System:** Having a buddy system in place can prevent accidents and enhance safety on the jobsite.
- **Prompt Action:** Raul's quick response highlights the importance of being attentive and ready to act to protect your colleagues.

### In Case of Snakebite:

- **Emergency Action Plan:** Familiarize yourself with the Emergency Action Plan available online at the Safety Support Center ([www.iws.support](http://www.iws.support)). This resource provides information on the nearest hospital and how to contact emergency responders.
- **Stay Calm:** If bitten, remain calm to keep your heart rate down, which helps slow the spread of venom through the bloodstream.
- **Seek Immediate Help:** Contact emergency responders immediately and follow the steps outlined in the Emergency Action Plan.

### Action Required:

- Reinforce the importance of situational awareness during daily safety briefings.
- Encourage the use of the buddy system when moving around the jobsite.
- Continue to report any potential hazards to improve our safety protocols.

Stay safe and look out for each other!

