

# **BUSINESS POWERUP**



## **Safety First**

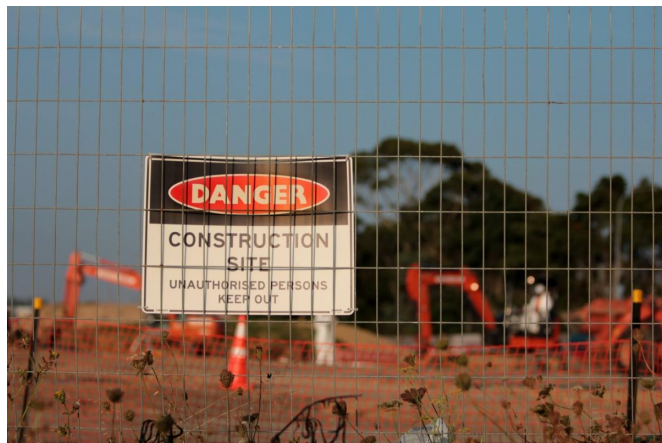
In this month's issue of Sioux Valley Energy's *Business PowerUP* newsletter, we explore building a culture of safety in your business. Also, we discuss safety with Sioux Valley Energy's Safety Coordinator Terry Ebright and DJ Mittan, EHS Manager at Marmen Energy in the latest episode of our [Inside the Grid](#) podcast.

If you have suggestions for future issues or wish to discuss your operation's current and future energy needs, please contact me at [jay.buchholz@siouxvalleyenergy.com](mailto:jay.buchholz@siouxvalleyenergy.com) or call my cell phone at 605-940-2053.

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### **Protect Yourself Against Electrical Accidents on the Job**

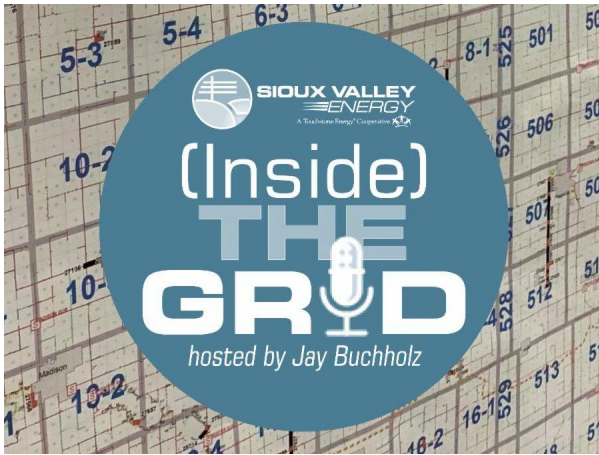
Job sites, especially construction sites, usually have many workers doing multiple tasks at the same time. Since many of these tasks are routine, it is easy to downplay the safety risks involved. Safe Electricity urges contractors, or anyone doing construction work, to take appropriate measures to keep themselves safe.



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## **Inside The Grid Podcast**

In this month's episode of [Inside The Grid](#) podcast, I safety with Sioux Valley Energy Safety Coordinator Terry Ebright and I also visited with [Marmen Energy](#) about safety practices at their Brandon facility.



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## Building a culture of safety

Building a culture of safety at an organization does not happen overnight. It takes time, effort and commitment but as Sioux Valley Energy Safety Coordinator, Terry Ebright, explains, when safety is engrained in the organizational culture...everyone wins.













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# Electrical Safety at the Work Site Portable Power Tools



Work sites are full of portable power tools. To keep your work site and yourself safe, maintain tools, and use them properly. Safe Electricity has the following tips to keep your workplace safe.

 <b>Never carry</b> a tool by the cord.	 <b>Store electric tools</b> in a dry place when not in use.
 <b>Never yank</b> the cord to disconnect it from the receptacle.	 <b>Do not use</b> electric tools in damp or wet locations unless they are approved for that purpose.
 <b>Keep cords away</b> from heat, oil, and sharp edges (including the cutting surface of a power saw or drill).	 <b>Keep work areas</b> well-lighted when operating electric tools.
 <b>Disconnect tools</b> when not in use, before servicing, and when changing accessories such as blades, bits, etc.	 <b>Ensure</b> that cords from electric tools do not present a tripping hazard.
 <b>Avoid accidental starting.</b> Do not hold fingers on the switch button while carrying a plugged-in tool.	 <b>Remove</b> all damaged portable electric tools from use and tag them: "Do Not Use."
 <b>Use gloves</b> and appropriate safety footwear when using electric tools.	 <b>Use double-insulated tools.</b>

If you use **extension cords**, make sure the cords are well maintained and in good working order. Keeping these safety tips in mind can help keep you and your co-workers safe at your work site.

*(Looking for more safety tips? Visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org))*

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