

Pre-Job Brief (PJB)

A pre-job briefing is the key task that is required to perform a job safely and successfully. Think of the briefing as the huddle before the line up and snap occurs on the football field. All players involved are participating in the briefing, and while play by play or task by task job briefings may not be required, a bigger picture briefing and discussion should. During the briefing, the assignments of each team member should be discussed and each planned task during the job should be reviewed.

Then after job steps and job assignments are discussed, hazards, controls, and contingencies are reviewed. Each step discussed previously will need to have a discussion around potential hazards and ways to work safely around those hazards or eliminate them. Weather, fall hazards, electrical shock, slips and trips, and a number of other potential hazards can be discussed during this time. Controls, or way to work with those hazards safely or eliminate them such as lightning monitoring with lightning boundaries, harnesses, electrical shock PPE, etc. can all be discussed as methods to accomplish the task.

Everyone should provide feedback or ask questions during this time as a team. Lastly, contingencies should be discussed, who has the authority and who can stop work or when to stop work, what to do in the event of a medical emergency, what to do if the job

Using a tool such as a permit to work, a JHA or job hazard analysis, and job briefing reference card can help ensure all of the steps are taken and questions are asked.

During a major component exchange on a wind turbine, a team of technicians were tasked with removing a rotor from a wind turbine.

The team had 3 new technicians to the company and two experienced technicians and a Lead technician. The team skipped the job planning and job briefing that morning since [in their mind] the task that morning was simple, weather would only allow them to position the rotor and nacelle in pick position and nothing else.

The Lead tech left the tower and drove to the shop for parts leaving the techs to the task of yawing the nacelle into position in front of the crane and rotating the rotor to ensure it was