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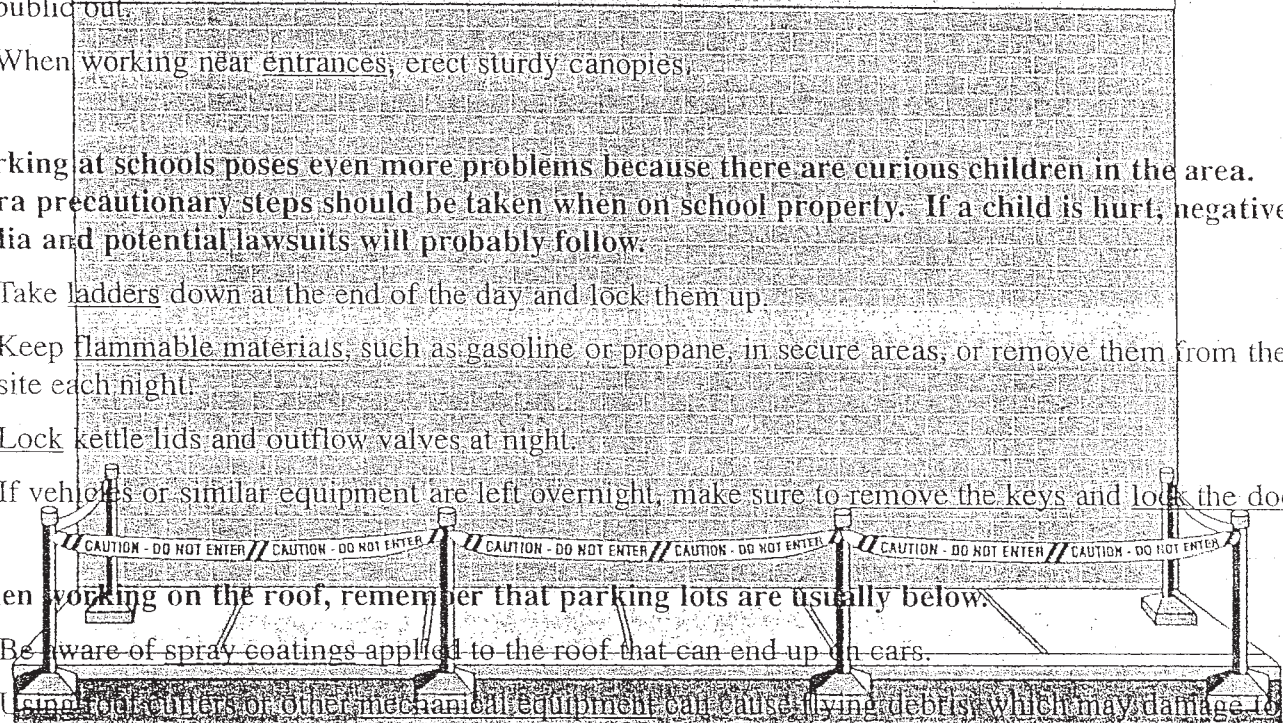
# TOOLBOX TALKS

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## Public Protection

- ☛ As important as it is to safeguard your coworkers from injury, it is equally important to protect the public from the activities we are performing.
- ☛ Separating the public from the hazards as much as possible reduces the chances of injury.
  - As much as possible, keep dumpsters, cranes, conveyors, hoists, trash chutes and kettles away from windows, entrances, sidewalks and streets.
  - If it's too impractical to keep the kettle away from these areas, then barriade them to keep the public out.
  - When working near entrances, erect sturdy canopies.
- ☛ Working at schools poses even more problems because there are curious children in the area. Extra precautionary steps should be taken when on school property. If a child is hurt, negative media and potential lawsuits will probably follow.
  - Take ladders down at the end of the day and lock them up.
  - Keep flammable materials, such as gasoline or propane, in secure areas, or remove them from the site each night.
  - Lock kettle lids and outflow valves at night.
  - If vehicles or similar equipment are left overnight, make sure to remove the keys and lock the doors.
- ☛ When working on the roof, remember that parking lots are usually below.
  - Be aware of spray coatings applied to the roof that can end up on cars.
  - Using rod cutters or other mechanical equipment can cause flying debris which may damage to the cars.
  - Throughout the project, and especially at night, make sure that all items left on the roof are secured so that they do not become airborne and land on vehicles in the parking lot.



Make sure the public is protected from your company's roofing operations. Damage to personal property or injury to members of the public will reflect poorly upon your company.