



July 21

Unsafe Acts

June is National Safety Month. The entire month is dedicated to safety—at home, at work, and at play. The point of National Safety Month is to give everybody a reason to slow down and think about making their lives safer. One of the best ways to make your life safer is to eliminate unsafe acts. Looking at the way we treat our “stuff” may shed some light on unsafe acts that we commit without thinking. Consider these comparisons:

- ⇒ You put a lens cap on your camera, but do you wear safety glasses to protect your eyes?
- ⇒ You wouldn't leave your new computer sitting around under some scaffolding; would you walk under that scaffolding without your hard hat?
- ⇒ You wouldn't run a compressor without an intake filter; do you use your lungs without a respirator?
- ⇒ You check the capacity of hoists and forklifts, but do you stop to consider how much your back can handle?
- ⇒ You watch where you put your cell phone and CD player so they don't get damaged; do you pay as much attention to where you put your hands?
- ⇒ You protect your best clothes from dirt, grease and chemicals; do you protect your skin from those hazards?

All of the “stuff” that we just mentioned, like cameras, clothes, and equipment can be repaired or replaced, but it's really hard to get replacement parts for your body. You are responsible for protecting your body, the most important machine on this job.

When safety issues come up, some common responses you hear include “It's none of your *!%#\$ business!” or maybe “I've done it this way a hundred times and I've never been hurt!” or the classic: “I don't have time to worry about safety, I have too much work to do.” These are all ways of excusing or overlooking unsafe acts. Your work is everyone's business if your unsafe acts endanger others. If your method isn't a safe one, it doesn't matter how many times you've done it, you need to change your ways. As far as having time for safety, in the long run accidents will consume much more time and cost much more money than working safely will. Don't make excuses, make changes in the way you work. It's your health and safety that is on the line. Eliminate unsafe acts.

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SAFETY REMINDER
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Carelessness isn't an excuse for an accident, it was probably the cause of the accident.

You choose whether or not you act carelessly!

NOTES:

SPECIAL TOPICS /EMPLOYEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS/NOTES:

S.A.F.E. CARDS® PLANNED FOR THIS WEEK:

REVIEWED SDS # _____ SUBJECT: _____

MEETING DOCUMENTATION:

JOB NAME: _____

MEETING DATE: _____

SUPERVISOR: _____

ATTENDEES: _____

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