

Accident Prevention

The experts say at least 80% of industrial accidents are caused by unsafe acts on the part of employees--and not by unsafe conditions. Although employers are required by law to provide a safe and healthful workplace, it is up to *you* to be aware of your work environment and follow safe work practices. By avoiding unsafe acts and practicing common sense, your work will go smoother, with less chance for accidents.



Here are some important tips!

Causes of Accidents – it's important to discuss why accidents happen so we know how to prevent them in the future:

- People not thinking about what they are doing
- People not following instructions
- People not following training they've been given
- Unsafe manual handling, loading, stacking and storing
- Overloading of working places, scaffolding and hoists etc.
- Incorrect use of plant and machinery
- Use of faulty equipment with improvised repairs
- Illegal removal of guards and barriers
- Failure to use protective safety equipment
- Ignoring safety signals, signs and warning devices

The Cost of Accidents to You:

- Pain, suffering and continuing disability
- Loss of earnings and extra expense due to disability
- Incapacity for the job and your leisure activities
- Unable to support family and possible family break –

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Accident Prevention Tips:

- Don't remove guards from machines
- Don't handle substances without knowing the hazards
- Don't use any machines if not trained and follow instructions
- Always comply with safe working practices
- Wear and use PPE correctly, don't abuse it
- Don't direct compressed air at yourself or others, it kills
- Never mess around while working
- Never use defective equipment or machinery.
- Help to keep the workplace clean
- Wash and dry hands to remove substances from skin
- Report unsafe conditions to your supervisor
- Use correct tools and equipment for the job
- Obey all safety rules and signs
- Don't leave tools lying about where they can fall onto to someone below.



