

SAFETY AWARENESS

Brief Topic Safety Refresher Training For Associates

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Avoid Accidents on the Plant Floor

While manufacturing is a much safer industry now than it was in the past, there are still hazards within the workplace. However, many on-the-job accidents can be avoided by focusing on safe practices and taking necessary precautions.

Most accidents are caused by an unsafe act, an unsafe working condition or a combination of the two. For example, removing a protective guard from a machine is an unsafe act that can easily cause an accident. On the other hand, a spill on the floor could cause someone to fall and get injured, and that accident would be due to an unsafe condition. In either instance, the accident could have been prevented by either following proper safety procedure or being alert to unsafe working conditions.

Hazards You May Encounter

Your job always has some potential for danger, so it's important to understand what causes accidents so that you can avoid them whenever possible. While it is impossible to list all of the hazards you may encounter while working, common ones include the following:

- Not wearing proper personal protective equipment
- Removing guards from machinery
- Using machines or tools improperly
- Unsafe handling of materials or chemicals
- Horseplay
- Debris or spills that are not cleaned up.
- Wearing hanging jewelry or belts that could be caught in equipment.

Focus on Good Habits

It's human nature to work yourself into habits, and when you break a safety rule, you've taken the first and most influential step in forming a bad habit—a habit that can lead to an injury. Good habits, such as noticing unsafe conditions, correcting them immediately or calling them to the attention of a supervisor, are just as easy to form.

Develop a safe attitude! This is probably one of the most difficult things to face because most of us have the mistaken notion that it's always someone else who gets hurt, never us. If we all do our share in observing safety rules and staying alert for unsafe conditions, everyone will benefit.

