

Safety

Safety is an Attitude

Safety in General

- A. Safety is defined as freedom from danger or hazards.
- B. Safety is a personal responsibility. Most accidents are caused by one person and happen to one person.
- C. Poor safety attitudes are the biggest hazards in most cases.

Safety is NOT...

- A. Cynicism- "Safety is kid's stuff!"
- B. Fatalism- "I can't do anything to stop accidents."
- C. Laziness "It's just too much trouble."
- D. Temper- "I'll do it my way or else!"
- E. Forgetfulness-"I meant to but forgot."
- F. Carelessness-"Oh, why bother."
- G. Overconfidence-"I'll never get hurt." "It will never happen to me!"
- H. Recklessness-"Danger is the spice of life!"
- I. Ignorance-"I don't need to wear specific glasses for this."
- J. Preoccupation-"I was thinking of something else instead of paying attention."

Accidents are Preventable

- A. Accidents are a result of attitudes and of actions which you can eliminate. Safety is a state of mind.
- B. People could prevent over 90% of all accidents if they wanted to because over 90% of all accidents are caused by people--not mechanical failures or freaks of nature.
- C. Be your own safety expert by knowing how to prevent accidents.
- D. Come to work relaxed--good health is a factor in accidents. Fatigue is a frequent factor in accidents.
- E. Know and follow the safety rules of your job--be familiar with the operation of all machines and equipment that you use.
- F. Know yourself--your abilities, skills, and limitations.
- G. Watch out for the practical joker; "clowning" is a major cause of accidents.
- H. Know what to do in an emergency; know first aid and emergency procedures.
- I. Know whether your area responds to the 911 telephone call number for emergencies. Know what information you should give.
- J. Have positive attitudes such as self-control, sound judgment, and the desire to be safe.