

WHY IS ACCIDENT PREVENTION SO IMPORTANT?

This topic was created to aid you with your regular scheduled safety meetings. This topic was designed to be presented in 5 to 10 minutes with a minimum of preparation. Remember to fill in the documentation section on the reverse side.

Why does your supervisor or manager tell you to work safely? Why is it so important to prevent accidents? Is accident prevention simply a way to prevent injuries?

Everyone has a personal reason for working. You go to work every day for a reason. Is your reason to support a family, to be able to enjoy a hobby, or play a favorite sport? Whatever the reason, if you are seriously injured on the job, you may lose that enjoyment in your life. A serious disability has changed the lives of many workers who didn't take safety personally.

We are all goal-oriented; this means that we go to work for a purpose. Your goal may be to buy a new car or a house, or to pay for your children's education. Maybe your goals are short-term goals, like an upcoming vacation. No matter what your goals are, they all revolve around your job. If you are seriously injured at your job, your goals may be sacrificed.

The Injury and Illness Prevention Program that your employer has implemented has been put in place to help you work safely and to allow you to meet your goals. You must make a commitment to your employer and yourself to work in a safe manner and follow the Injury and Illness Prevention Program. Remember that this prevention program is designed to protect you.

Thinking safety is an important part of your job. When you start your job, be aware of the potential hazards that exist. Pay attention to safety and you will be rewarded when you reach your goals.

SAFETY REMINDER:

Take safety personally.