

Recognizing Hazards to Prevent Future Injuries Gary Timmer, United Water

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If Only Training Were Enough!



Why Reduce Injuries?

• We Care About People

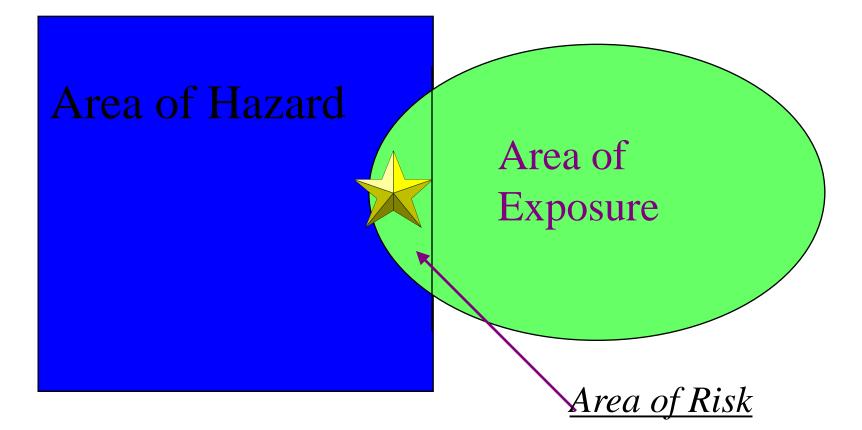
• It Saves Money

• We Need All Of Our Employees At Work A few quick definitions....

Hazard Ability to cause harm or danger Risk

Likelihood that harm or damage will result

Relationship between Exposure, Hazard and Risk



What Are Common Injuries?

- Lifting/pulling
- Contact With Objects
- Slips, Trips, & Falls



Automobile

What is out there that can bite?



Basics?

Safety is everyone's responsibility



Basics?

The more people you have looking for hazards, the more likely you are to find them

Inspections

- Continuous (supervisory, management)
- Planned (safety committee level)
- Intermittent or special focus inspections
- General or full scope (audit)

Inspections

- Insurance Company
- Peers (Other facilities, other departments)
- OSHA
- Contractors

Basics?

Two heads (or More) are better than one.

Preparing for an inspection

- Be prepared to inspect/observe both human and physical elements
- Know the purpose of the inspection
- Know the area (+/-)
- Know the limits of inspection (time, expertise, authority, etc.)

Preparing for an inspection cont..

- Know the accident history
- Know the internal and external standards
- Know relationships; superintendent, employee, manager

Use all your senses...

- Sight
- Hearing
- Smell/taste
- Tactile senses
- Sense of 'order'
- Sense of space
- "Gut"
- Sense of motion
- Sense of weight

Look above, below, behind and into. 10 Killers of inspection techniques

- Speed
- Pre-determined results
- Hidden agendas
- Fatigue
- No completed corrective actions
- Lack of experience
- No structure or too much
- Lack of a Colombo attitude
- Over reliance on a few tools or senses
- Disagreeable nature

Now a little practice with hazard identification.

What can you find on each slide

























Administrative Prevention?

Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines



Near Miss Reporting

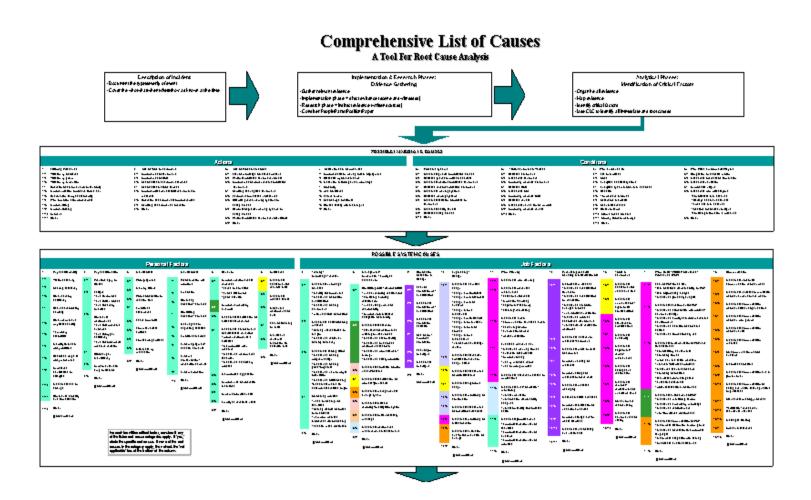
Near Miss Reporting Process

| Earth Tech, Inc. Near Miss Report | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | Unsafe Condition | Unsafe Act/Behavior |
| Date Identified: | Person Identifying | |
| Description of Unsafe | Condition or Behavior _ | |
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| | p | isor Use Only |
| | | Near Miss Report No |
| Supervisor Signature | <u> </u> | |





Root Cause Investigations



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Things to Look For



Is This OK?



Positioning

















Energy Control (LOTO)



Competent Persons



Proper Storage



Slips, Trips, & Falls



Floor Openings



Unprotected Ladders



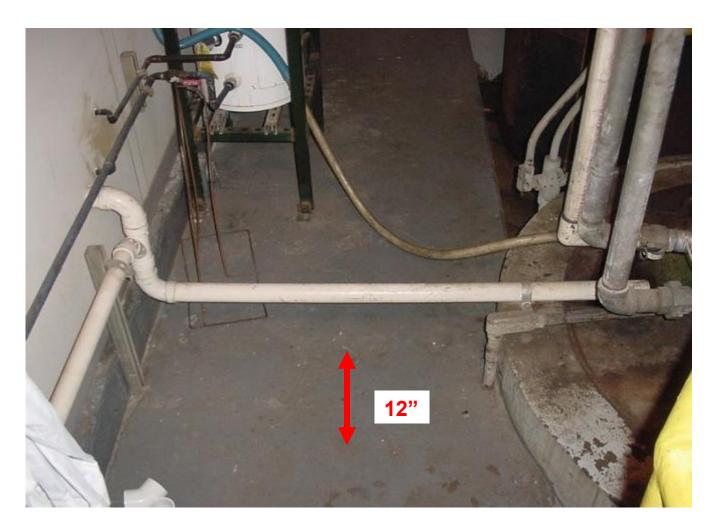
Hoses Left Out



Junk Laying Around



Pipes in Walkways



Trip Hazards





Fall Hazards





Fall Hazard



Fall Hazard



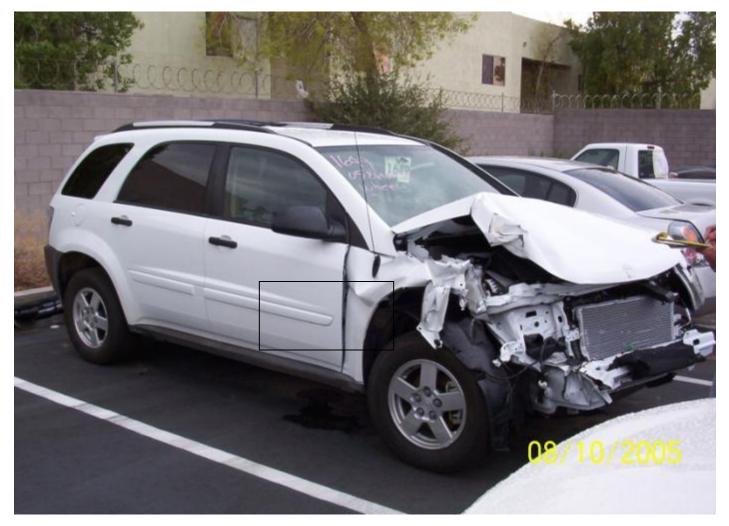
Fall Hazard



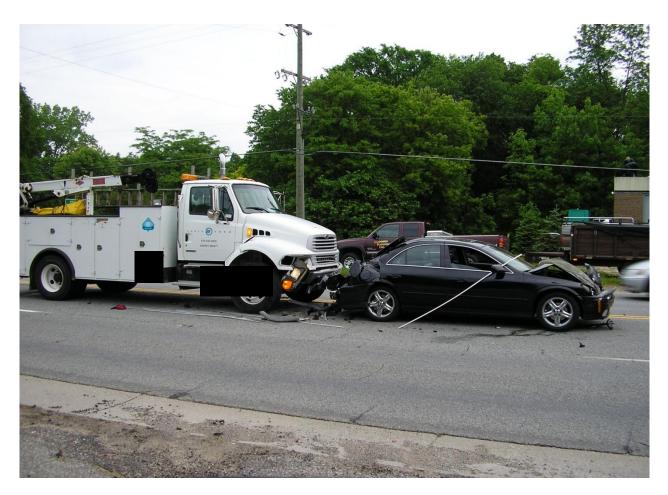
Quick Fixes



Cell Phones/Radios



Cars Stop Faster Then Trucks



Case Study for Can Station



"CAN" We Make It Better?



Step was installed inside



Installation of Grab Bar



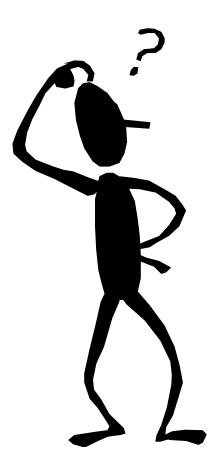
Treads Installed on Step



Cover Was Rotated







Thank You!

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