

Prepare: Quiet location? No distractions? Talk aids ready?

Reason: The costs of lack of safety take many forms.

Why: How would you feel knowing that you had caused an injury, or worse to someone else?

Outline: This talk will cover how everyone benefits from working on a safe site, and the costs of not doing so.



Be Safe, Be Sure

- For years the construction industry has had a poor safety record with far too many accidents and too much ill health.
- Too many accidents are caused by people knowingly working or behaving in an unsafe manner.
- With care, most accidents are totally and easily preventable.
- When working, be aware of the safety of others as well as yourself. You have a legal duty to do so.

What You Must Do

- Comply with safety training and instruction and with site safety rules, site induction should inform you of the hazards.
- Avoid the temptation to cut corners to get the job done more quickly, there could be a high price to pay.
- Be aware of how the job you are doing could affect other people around you.
- Stay away from work if you know that you are not fit through illness, drink, drugs or for any other reason.
- Ask your supervisor if you have any doubts on safety issues.
- Report to your supervisor anyone who you see working or behaving in an unsafe manner, especially horseplay.

Q: What should you do if you are asked to use a dangerous machine on which you have not been trained

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Benefits of safety

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The Costs Of Accidents

- A poor safety record could result in your company being fined and suffering increased insurance premiums.
- Money lost in these ways cannot be used elsewhere; the company could be forced out of business.
- Employees and supervisors who demonstrate or tolerate poor safety practice may find themselves out of work.
- The personal cost of knowing that you have caused a serious accident, or worse, could last a lifetime.

Q: How do you think someone's colleagues would react, knowing that he or she had caused a serious accident?

The Benefits Of Safety

- Fewer accidents resulting in less pain and suffering.
- Individuals have less time off with possible loss of income.
- Less disruption to the job as a whole with less inconvenience to individuals and their companies.
- Fewer accident investigations, fines and insurance premium increases; more money available for other things.
- Higher employee morale and a more contented workforce.

Do you have any questions for me?

Questions for you

Q: Who is ultimately responsible for your safety?

Q: How seriously would you be affected if the job was stopped whilst an accident investigation took place?

REMEMBER:

Accidents are caused by unsafe people creating unsafe situations

Sources: [Benefits of good health and safety - HSE https://www.hse.gov.uk/treework/training-is-important.htm](https://www.hse.gov.uk/treework/training-is-important.htm)

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