



# Weekly Safety Meeting

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## Hazard Safety - Recognition

A hazard is defined as an incident, a thing likely to cause injury, a chance of being injured or harmed, or a possible source of danger.

Hazards are present in every workplace. They can include and are not inclusive to a variety of situations like falls, flying debris, sharp objects, sharp edges, electrically charged sources, confined spaces, noise sources, use of tools or equipment, fire, illumination, scaffolds, ladders, aerial lifts, defective equipment, material handling and storage, housekeeping, etc.

It is the right and responsibility of every employee to work in a hazard free environment. Every individual should begin each task by considering the task itself and look for hazards created by the work about to be performed, consider the surrounding area and workers in that area, weather conditions, equipment, machinery, etc.

Many small things influence our lives; and not paying attention to them can sometimes have disastrous consequences...especially when it comes to safety.

Fortunately, most of us have been trained to recognize common hazards that could result in injury or illnesses. But unrecognized hazards can present a clear and present danger.

Over 80% of all workplace injuries arise from unsafe behavior, mistakes, errors in judgment, lack of attention to the job and then, something happens. There is also a tendency to get focused on getting the job done that we do not recognize the obvious.

### Pre-job Review:

- Examine the hazards associated with a specific job.
- Separate the job into basic steps.
- Analyze each step to identify potential and actual hazards.
- Develop safe job procedures known as
  - Job Safety Analysis (JSA)
  - Job Hazard Analysis (JHA)
  - Job Safety Environmental Analysis (JSEA).

## Safety Awareness:

So how do we know we have developed good safety awareness?

Some good examples of behaviors that suggest we have good safety awareness include the following:

- Before we begin a job, we consider how to do it more safely.
- We make sure we know how and when to use personal protective equipment.
- As we work, we check our position to reduce strain on our body.
- While we are working, we become aware of any changes in the area, workers interaction, movement, and jobs beginning or ending.
- We start talking with others about safety.

Monitor yourself today and see if you've had good safety awareness. Consider practices of others and watch for risky behaviors, share those observations with them and help correct them for safer results.

Help us go home safely every day!

***IF YOU ARE AWARE OF IT, TAKE CARE OF IT!!***



