Tool Box Talks

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE

Often, dangerous conditions are only noticed after someone gets seriously hurt or killed. If you notice unsafe conditions or someone working in an unsafe manner, say something. Don't ignore it and gamble with your own life or the lives of your co-workers.

If you witness any unsafe activity or practices, first see if you can correct it yourself. If not, notify a supervisor. Just doing these simple actions could prevent a serious accident from occurring. Wouldn't you want someone to do the same for you?

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Thankfully, when accidents do occur, we can learn from our mistakes and prevent future accidents from occurring. However, a common misconception during the course of accident investigation is that the investigation is being conducted in order to find who was at fault for the accident, so many people refuse to cooperate. You must remember that, in order to prevent future accidents, you must first know what went wrong.

When you witness an accident, try to make a mental note of the events and actions that occurred before the accident. Use the following questions as a guide:

- Where was everyone (include yourself and other individuals within your line of sight) positioned at the time the accident occurred?
- What was I doing?
- What equipment was involved?
- Where was the individual who was injured positioned prior to the accident, and what were they doing when the accident occurred?
- What was the sequence of events?

Commit these answers to your memory so that you may provide them to the accident investigator when the time comes. Keep in mind that because other people were standing in a different location than you, they may not have seen what you did.

When the accident investigator arrives, provide he/she with the facts as you witnessed them. If you change or leave out information in order to protect someone, the investigator may not be able to accurately assess what caused the accident, and consequently not be able to provide the correct recommendations for preventing the same thing from happening again. And next time, you may be the victim.

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Supervisor/Foreman (print name): _____ Signature: _____

Attendees: Print Name/Signature (use back if necessary):

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