

Working Safely

Pro-Active Safety

Keeping your body and all its parts attached and functioning properly takes work. In order to stay safe all the time, you must practice what is called Pro-active safety. Pro-active safety means that you take responsibility to act safely before anyone tells you to or whenever the situation demands safe behavior.

Practicing pro-active safety means practicing prevention and protection.

Application

The best way to prevent something from happening is always to be on the lookout for hazards and act before they become accidents. It takes both employer and employee to make pro-active safety work. When used together prevention and protection give the best defense against accidents. In fact, there are many safety-minded people who believe pro-active safety causes a “Zero Accidents” mentality. When enough employees and employers get the “Zero Accidents” mentality, it is possible to stop having accidents.

Prevention

- An incident is any deviation from the acceptable standard.
- A hazard is an incident without adequate controls applied.
- A hazard has the potential to cause damage.
- When the hazard causes damage it is called an accident.

Responsibility

- Creating the incident is something you have control over.
- All accidents result from incidents, but not all incidents result in accidents.
- We can correct an incident and not allow an accident to happen.
- No incidents, no accidents.
- As the law of Opportunity says, “Any person faced with the circumstances of an incident or a hazard, who has the opportunity to intervene, is responsible when a hazard causes an accident.”

Protection

- Follow all safety rules, all the time.
- Wear the proper PPE when needed.
- Pay attention to hazardous situations, and do something about them.
- Use the equipment and procedures that will protect you from injury if an accident does happen.
- Be prepared when working in any weather climate.

Summary

Pro-active safety is the skill that allows us to keep functioning in one piece. Two aspects of a pro-active safety attitude are prevention and protection. You can take responsibility to prevent accidents by protecting yourself and others from hazards caused by an incident.

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