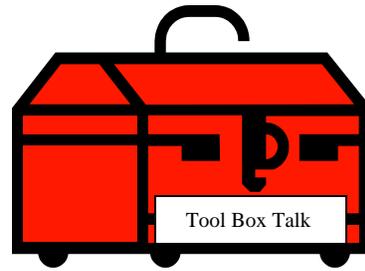


Seven Common Accident Causes



80 out of every 100 accidents are the fault of the person involved in the incident.

Unsafe acts cause four times as many accidents and injuries as unsafe conditions.

Most people tend to look for “things” to blame when an accident happens; because it’s easier than looking for “root causes” such as those listed below.

Consider the following underlying accidents causes.

Have you ever been guilty of any of these attitudes or behaviors?

If so, you may have not been injured – but next time you may not be so lucky.

- ! Taking shortcuts: Do time savers ever risk your own safety or that of crew members?
- ! Being over confident: “It’ll never happen to me” is an attitude that can lead to improper procedures, tools or methods in your work. Any of these can lead to injury
- ! Starting a task with incomplete instructions: To do the job safely and right the first time you need complete information. Don’t be shy about asking for explanations about work procedures and safety precautions.
- ! Poor housekeeping: Housekeeping is an accurate indicator of everyone’s attitude about quality, production and safety. It involves both pride and safety.
- ! Ignoring safety procedures: Purposely failing to observe safety procedures can endanger you and your co-workers. Being casual about safety can lead to a casualty!
- ! Mental distractions from work: Having a bad day at home and worrying about it at work is a hazardous combination. Dropping your “mental” guard can pull your focus away from safe work procedures. You can also be distracted when you’re busy working and a friend comes by to talk. Don’t become a statistic because you took eyes off the machine “just for a minute.”
- ! Failure to pre-plan the work: Being hasty in starting a task, or not thinking through the process can put you in harms way. Instead, **Plan Your Work and Work Your Plan.**

Discussion: Have you ever had one of your “unsafe acts” lead to an accident or a near miss? What happened?

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