

THINK
SAFETY IS
NO ACCIDENT

Recognizing hazards is an important part of the accident prevention process. It provides the opportunity to identify and correct hazards before they cause an injury.

A **hazard** is a condition, event, or circumstance that could lead to or contribute to an accident, injury, or undesired event.

Examples of Hazards include:

- Poor housekeeping and/or storage
- Inadequate equipment or maintenance
- Objects or spills on the floor
- Sharps edges, such as needles
- Heavy objects requiring manual lifting
- Electrical wiring
- Hazardous chemicals
- Bloodborne Pathogens – biohazard

Correct hazards immediately. If the hazard can not be corrected immediately, contact management.

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Safety

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Safe and healthy employees are consistently shown to be happier and more productive. Conversely, studies have also shown that unhappy and unsatisfied workers can increase the risk of injury in the workplace.

Company policy and our culture expects us to perform our duties efficiently, effectively, and in the safest manner possible. There is no job so important that we cannot take the time to perform it safely.

Our clients expect us to maintain a strong safety culture. This allows us to reduce cost, which in turn allows us to provide a cost competitive service to our clients. Also, a fully staffed workforce, without employees out of work due to injury, provides our clients with the service they expect and deserve.



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Not being safe can have enormous impact on the business and employee well being. Here are some examples:

- Negative impact on employee morale.
- Impacts productivity when employee is out of work due to work related injury.
- Other employees feel the impact of employee(s) being out of work by having to pick up the injured employees work duties.
- Injuries could have life long effects.

Do your part and ensure your work area is safe!



Avoid injuries by performing these steps in your everyday duties:

The first step is to STOP and ask yourself:

- What hazards are visible at this moment?
- What could possibly go wrong as a result of these hazards?

The next step is to THINK.

- Am I trained, and do I have the knowledge, to perform this task safely?
- Do I need any additional tools or personal protective equipment?

Finally, it's time to ACT.

- Take action and follow the proper procedures to perform the action in a safe manner.

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