

# SAFETY PAGE

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**ON OR OFF THE JOB,  
HORSEPLAY IS  
DANGEROUS!**



The worst enemy of Safety, whether it occurs on or off the job, is "horseplay".

Some employees have ignored the articles and cartoons that have appeared on this page with reference to playing on the job, even though the guilty ones are subject to dismissal under the Company policies, and few such cases are covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Yes, several personal injuries have occurred in the plant during recent months, that were due directly to someone indulging in "childish pranks". Unless you read and heed the safety suggestions that are solely for your protection, then you can derive no benefits from them.

Each of us likes a little fun occasionally, but when that fun, whether it be through tricks, jokes, or horseplay of some type, reaches the stage where someone is subjected to personal injury, then it has progressed entirely too far.

The age-old "hotfoot" that is depicted in the above cartoon, has taken place right here in the plant in recent years. Too, there have been cases of burning cigarettes being dropped in pants pockets, cuffs of pants, and in rubber boots; as well as the very bad practice of "gooching" someone who is ticklish. Such practices can and do cause personal injuries.

One of the most dangerous types of "would-be-jokers", recently spread grease on the underside of a handrail on a stairway in the plant. Such acts as this cease to be funny, and this one came very near causing serious injury to one of our employees.

**JUST REMEMBER . . . PLAYMATES BELONG ON THE PLAYGROUND!**



## ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM IS FOR YOU!

### Are You Safety Conscious?

Should this question be asked of the entire personnel of Ecusta, Champagne, and Endless Belt, there's no doubt but that fully 95 per cent of them would answer YES.

Now, if the yes answers were really true, the number of minor and major injuries occurring here each year would be somewhat lower. It is rather a broad statement, but never-the-less true, that too few persons become safety conscious, until they have had a personal injury.

Too many of us throughout our daily lives, take the stand that "Those things won't happen to us." There is one thing that we must remember: "What can happen, will happen, sooner or later."

If you can answer the following questions with a YES, then you are SAFETY CONSCIOUS, and you are not only prolonging your own life and earning power, but that of your family, friends, and fellow-workers.

1. Do you consider safe practices a part of your job?
2. Do you caution others about not taking unnecessary chances?
3. Do you pick up bottles and other articles, whether at home, on the street, or at work, that might cause someone to slip or fall?
4. Do you walk, drive, and play with care?
5. Do you report all injuries immediately, so that they may receive proper treatment?

### If A Time Clock Could Talk

Funny thing took place near me recently, and I couldn't help but smile a bit.

The boys were waiting to punch in on the next shift, and two of them were staging quite a wrestling match, much to the pleasure of their fellow workers. Suddenly, someone shouted, "Look out boys, here come the fellows from the Safety Department."

It was rather amusing to see how quickly things quieted down, and how chagrined these two boys were, when they realized the fellows referred to were not around.

Honestly, men, even though you've punched me pretty regularly for the past few years, I've always given you a square deal, and the correct information you desired when you looked up at me.

Now here is a tip that you can depend on:

The fellows from the safety department will not try to slip up and catch you doing things that are unsafe, or that are against Company policies. However, they will call your attention to any unsafe practices they may see, and you must remember that this is being

### Are You Doing Your Part?

Far too many industrial workers in this day and time, disregard their personal safety and that of their fellow-workers. Too many adults look upon those who do get immediate treatment for minor injuries, as just sissies. Such attitudes as these will eventually bring heartaches and pain to many of us.

If it were possible for you to accompany the representatives of our First Aid and Safety Department on their numerous visits to nearby hospitals, then you would develop a much different viewpoint on the importance of preventing personal injuries. If you could just view the many maimed bodies, the serious infection cases, the ones with fingers, hands, arms, and feet amputated due to needless accidents, then you would realize why every effort is being made here at our plant to make you safety conscious.

If you ever had occasion to report a serious injury or death case to the family of one who had met with an accident, then you would not look upon safety advice as just another evil of employment. If you were called upon occasionally to assist the doctor in suturing a bad laceration, or to ride in an ambulance with one of your fellow-workers who could possibly die before reaching the hospital, then you would appreciate and heed every article that you could find about Safety. You would soon realize that safe practices should never be ignored for one moment, and could appreciate why those connected with accident prevention work are constantly harping on the subject.

If you could listen to some grown men sob and say, "Doctor, please do all you can to save me," then you would know why safe practice rules and regulations should never be disregarded. You would never forget such occasions, and would pray that you would never be witness to another.

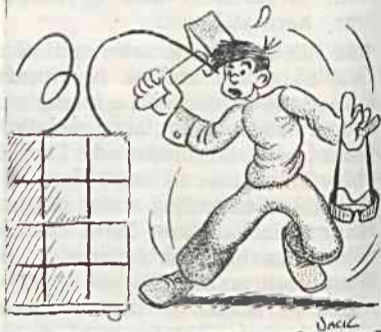
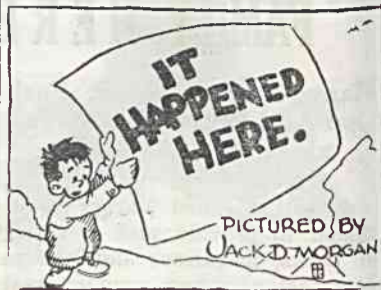
To begin with, we must all stay well and physically fit, if we are to earn a livelihood. We must steer clear of disabling injuries if we expect to draw our full wages each week. We must be able to go home after each day's work with a body free of scars, if we are to really enjoy the fruits of life. In other words, we must practice safety at all times, if we expect to reap the benefits from living that are due us.

Remember fellow-workers—personal injuries can be prevented.

**'TIS YOUR LIFE — KEEP IT SAFE.**

done for your own personal welfare.

I know that management is vitally interested in eliminating unnecessary injuries, and you fellows should be their greatest boosters.



While using a hand axe to cut wires on a bale of flax, an employee was struck in the eye by one of the loose wires. Even though this injury did not prove to be a serious one, this worker could easily have lost the vision in his eye from such an accident.

**SUGGESTION:** It is your responsibility to use the personal protective equipment furnished by the management. Never attempt to do any type work that presents possible injury to your sight, without first putting on your safety goggles. If you wish to really appreciate good vision in both eyes, just wear a patch over one eye for several hours and see how it handicaps you.



A truck operator was approaching a steel gang plank to enter a box car with flat of cartons, when another worker came out of the car. The operator of the electric truck quickly applied the brakes, and the ramp slipped off the edge of platform. The prongs on the truck lift caught on the floor of box car, thereby preventing possible serious injury to the operator, as well as damage to the truck and flat of cartons.

**SUGGESTION:** Each operator of electric trucks should use every precaution to prevent personal injury, or damage to equipment and materials. Too, new type steel gang planks have been obtained and should be used instead of the old type ones.

The best way is the safe way!