

USE YOUR HEAD

SAVE YOUR FEET

Protecting our feet, like so much of safety, is a matter of common sense. We have the know-how when it comes to cutting down on the chances that accidents will happen. We have learned how to handle materials and equipment and we know how they should be placed or stacked. But do we use all the available means of protecting ourselves from injury in those accidents which can, and do, occur even though we did everything we could to prevent them?

Among those injuries which often occur, in spite of taking precautionary measures, are injuries to the feet. And accompanying these injuries in a vast majority of the cases are the following—which we cannot afford to ignore:

1. Pain.
2. Loss of income. (The average length of time lost due to a toe injury is 22 days.)
3. Danger of permanent disability. (An injury

to the feet can be one of the most difficult to correct. There are 26 relatively small bones in each foot and the immobilizing of such a bone structure in case of injury is extremely difficult.)

Ecusta has made available to all employees, through the Film and Paper Division Storerooms, various styles of safety shoes. These shoes are sold at cost and may be purchased either on a cash basis or through a payroll deduction plan. There are several styles of shoes too, though not usually carried in stock, that can be obtained by the Storerooms at the special request of employees.

When we are careless and neglect to wear foot protection it is probably due to a belief that this time we can get away with it—or that it will be the other fellows who will get injured.

Perhaps we will get by and it will be someone else who receives the injuries.

But, sooner or later the law of averages will catch up with those of us who think that way.



Left: William Osteen (Film Division) is convinced of the value of wearing safety shoes. A heavy object fell on the toe of his regular shoes, cutting it, and narrowly missing a toe. Needless to say, Bill now wears safety shoes. Above: Bill's damaged non-safety type shoe.