

Suggestions Given For Preventing Injuries

Safety Director Stresses Various Ways To Stop Them

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The statement that INJURIES CAN BE PREVENTED is very true, and one that cannot be taken too lightly. But—it will take the full co-operation of every one of our employees to bear this out. Just remember, IT CAN BE DONE.

Safety is freedom from the fear of misery, pain and worry. According to Noah Webster, the definition of safety is, "A condition of being safe, freedom from danger or hazards, exemption from hurt or injuries. Hence a quality of making safe, giving confidence, justifying trust, security against harm or loss."

There is nothing more desirable than self-preservation. This dates back even to the days of cave men. Should we think of safety as something forced upon us by someone in authority, we not only harm ourselves, but we subject our loved ones to an untold amount of needless worry and hardship. Too often, the work around home is having to be taken care of by our wives or children, due to a disabling injury to the bread-winner.

Less than 2 per cent of ALL industrial injuries are unpreventable "acts of God". The other 98 per cent can be eliminated through the use of ordinary common sense, the use of protective equipment furnished for us, and last, but most important, the following of safe practice methods.

Safety Practices

The word CARELESSNESS has never been satisfactory to me as an explanation for someone's getting hurt. Too often we are prone to accept that one word as the direct cause of an injury. In investigating accidents over a period of years, I have found that there are many contributing factors in connection with most injuries. Namely, DANGEROUS PRACTICES (undue haste, chance-taking, horseplay, etc.), INATTENTION (lack of thought to the job that's being done), INCOMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF WORK BEING DONE, INABILITY (such as inexperience, poor judgment, physical condition, etc.), DISOBEYING RULES, FATIGUE, EXCITEMENT, LACK OF INTEREST IN ONE'S WORK, and UNGUARDED or DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

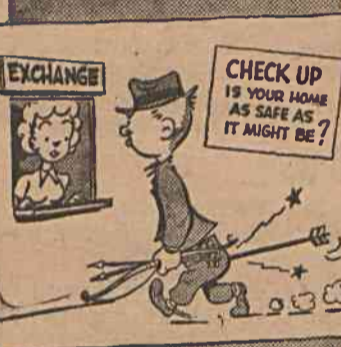
It all boils down to the fact that your interest and co-operation in the prevention of personal injuries is necessary if our accident frequency is to be lowered.

You may ask how you can assist in this all-important work. Right here I wish to cite some of the things you can contribute that will really bring dividends, not only to yourself, but to your co-workers.

1. Do things the SAFE WAY at all times.
2. Caution your fellow-workers about unsafe practices.
3. Report any unsafe conditions you may know of.
4. Always be a booster for Safety.

We must all realize and remember that Safety, whether at home, or on the job, is EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS.

With your co-operation, personal injuries can and will be reduced at least 90 per cent. Think it over.



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EXPECTS TO VISIT

"I may come by to see you soon," writes S-Sgt. Charles Bryson from Langley Field, Va. "Today for the first time in ages I was able to sit contented for a good hour and a half. (Why?) The Echo came and honestly it was swell reading about what you are doing there, news about the plant, people who work there and the boys in service."

NEWS OF REECE

Ted N. Reece, A-S, writes from Bainbridge, Md., that his brother, "Rusty" is back in the States. He was wounded in the European theatre. Ted himself has had "a good case" of measles but says Navy isn't hurting him any. The food is O. K., he says, when he's hungry—which he always is.

SELF PRESERVATION

The train halted a moment at the station and the traveler reached out, called a small boy, and said, "Son, here's fifty cents. Get me a twenty-five cent sandwich and get one for yourself. Hurry!"

Just as the train pulled out, the boy ran up to the window. "Here's your quarter, mister," he shouted. "They only had one sandwich."

Twelve Things To Remember

- The Value of Time.
- The Success of Perseverance.
- The Pleasure of Working.
- The Dignity of Simplicity.
- The Worth of Character.
- The Power of Kindness.
- The Influence of Example.
- The Obligation of Duty.
- The Wisdom of Economy.
- The Virtue of Patience.
- The Improvement of Talent.
- The Joy of Originating.
- And the Principles of Safety.

Have You Heard?

There are three classical ways to face the safety problem: (1) Pray God to be kind, (2) Leave it to the insurance premium, (3) Stop the accidents.

The first technique represents more hope than faith, for most adults expect to get their just deserts, particularly when such are few.

The second flies in the face of fact; it is the fallacy of the Chinese who thought he had bought immortality from the life insurance salesman.

The third comes slowly, like the dawn of a new day, to mark an era in the history of man's humanity to man.

It is also good business, which is justification enough.—N. S. C., Engineer for Safety.

Ecusta Will Help Fight Forest Fires If Service Is Needed

Ecusta employees will give their assistance to the forest service in fighting any fires that occur on the Davidson River watershed or adjacent territory during the 1945 spring fire season, it is announced.

At certain times during each year, the danger of forest fires becomes very acute. It has been the policy of the company during the past several years to give as much assistance as possible in helping to keep the fire situation under control by sending men to help the forestry service fight fires.

Department heads have been advised as to the procedure for sending available employees from their different departments in event of a fire call.

LOST SOME REAL PALS

Pfc. John F. Drake is in France and writes, "I hope and pray that all this will soon end, so all the boys can return home to their jobs, friends and loved ones . . . I have lost some real pals since I came over. It just doesn't seem possible that they are gone . . . Say hello to the gang in the Finishing Dept. for me."

OUT FOR STOREKEEPER

Willis Cauble, S-1c, writes from New Caledonia, "I am striking for an assignment as storekeeper. I am up for storekeeper, 3-c, and if nothing happens, will get it. That isn't doing so bad for a Beaterman, is it? Have to learn to type, too. (excuse mistakes). Best regards to the Refining Room."

DEFINITION

"Mammy, what's a paratrooper?" "Honey, a paratrooper am a soldier what climbs down trees he never climbed up."



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An airplane passed overhead while two women were conversing on a London street.

One glanced up at the sky apprehensively.

"Don't worry, dearie," the other said. "It's only one of those old-fashioned planes with a man in it."



BY CHANCE OR DETERMINATION

Golfer: Sorry to be so late, boys. It was really a toss-up whether I should come to the club or stay at the office—and—er—I had to bust fifteen times.



"Code Of Sportsmanship"

- Keep the Rules.
- Keep the Faith of your Comrade.
- Keep your Temper.
- Keep yourself Fit.
- Keep a Stout Heart in Defeat.
- Keep your Pride under in Victory.
- Keep a Sound Soul, a Clean Mind, and Healthy Body.
- PLAY THE GAME!

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