

SAFETY PAGE

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MOM, POPS PLAYING WITH MY TOYS AGAIN.



ELIMINATE HAZARDS AT HOME

Did you know that an average of one person dies every 16 minutes as a result of a home accident?—that one person is permanently disabled every four minutes, and that someone is temporarily disabled every seven seconds, in the home?—that our medical department here at the plant treats on an average of five injuries incurred at home, to every one that occurs on the job?

It is rather alarming to know that for the past twenty-five years, fatalities in the home have been approximately 40 per cent higher than those occurring in industrial plants throughout the United States. This is somewhat ironic, as we all consider our home as a safe haven.

An enormous amount of suffering and loss of life can be greatly reduced, if we will adhere to four things. Namely: good housekeeping, maintaining safe conditions, child protection, and developing skills and safe habits.

Every home should be thoroughly inspected for possible accident hazards. Good housekeeping, which means a place for everything and everything in its place, will eliminate a great percentage of personal injuries at home. The welfare of the "tiny tots" should be foremost in the minds of all parents, and no effort should be spared that might reduce the possibility of the little ones being injured.

Safe Practice Habits should be installed in the minds of all youngsters, and what better way can this be done than by the parents setting a good example? Emphasize the fact and believe it yourself, that safety is a condition under which people live longer and suffer less.



Things You Should Know About Chlorine

LEND AN EAR PLEASE!

Do you mind sitting down with me for just a few minutes and letting me discuss something with you? Thanks: you won't regret it, and you might hear something that will interest you.

Rounding out five and a half years as safety director since coming to Ecusta on January 2, 1941, I can truthfully state that I have never spent a more pleasant five and a half years since starting industrial work in 1930. No, 'tis true that everything hasn't been rosy, so to speak, at all times. I've had my ups and downs; little spats here and there with those who disregarded safe practice rules; and I have taken some good-natured ribbing about being such a "sissy" as far as personal injuries are concerned. But . . . and don't forget this, it has been a real pleasure to see our accident frequency rate continue on the down grade the past few years. This means that we are having fewer major injuries, and that factor is important to all of us. The elimination of suffering and loss of wages as a result of our low frequency rate should be an incentive to practice safety at all times.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your wonderful cooperation in our accident prevention program here at the plant. It is very true that the credit goes to the entire personnel as a whole, for without such wholehearted assistance as has been displayed by you, no one person, or twenty for that matter, could even get to first base in safety work. It is a type of work that is everybody's business, and the sooner you see it that way, the better.

Yes, I've even peevish some of you by continually harping on unnecessary haste, not wearing your protective equipment, keeping your wage earners (fingers) away from nip points, staying out from under loading hoists, running to and from the cafeteria and up and down stairways, numerous types of horseplay, and not having minor injuries treated immediately. No one ever made me mad by taking offense, though, for through some of my continuous harping, I do feel that some personal injuries have been avoided. When such is the case, then I have been repaid for any criticism I may have incurred.

When you stop to think just how much an injury interferes not only with your work here at the plant, but with your outside activities and your work around home, it should impress you with the importance of becoming safety-conscious, and staying that way. The age-old saying that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" really carries lots of weight. Trust I haven't bored you too

PLEASE READ AND HEED

To begin with, chlorine furnishes it's own warning by its characteristic odor, and may be detected by smell even when the concentration is as low as 1 part chlorine in 3 million parts of air.

There is no normal reason therefore, why anyone should not become aware of the presence of chlorine soon enough, to permit necessary safety precautions to be taken.

PRECAUTIONS FOR YOUR PROTECTION

1. Never enter a chlorine infected area unless your work requires you to do so, and only then with the use of a gas mask.

2. When you first hear the chlorine alarm signal, which is a siren such as those used on ambulances or fire trucks, immediately vacate that area. Never stop to get any personal articles—these things can be obtained later. You must remember that you are to leave the area as soon as possible.

WE URGE THAT YOU READ AND ABIDE BY THE ABOVE PRECAUTIONS—THEY ARE FOR YOUR WELFARE AND SAFETY.

IF A TIME CLOCK COULD TALK

Having spent nearly seven years here on the wall, and watched most of you come and go on every shift, I have listened in on some interesting conversations.

Occasionally I miss a familiar face when the boys are punching in for the next shift, and am disappointed to hear that one of them won't be in for a few days, due to an injury.

You would be surprised if you could witness, as I do, the many types of horse-play that take place throughout the plant. I often wonder why more employees are not hurt, due to such antics. A paper wad thrown here—a rubber band shot at some innocent bystander—a ticklish fellow being "gooched" by another employee—and numerous cases of "chance taking" that are really uncalled for.

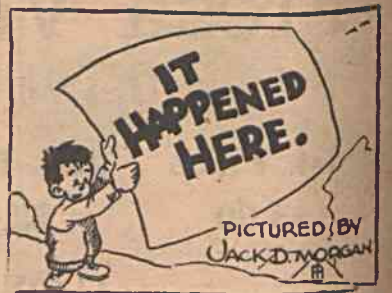
Remember fellows, such things are not part of the job.

much, and that your time hasn't been wasted in reading this. Just remember this the next time I say anything to you about safety: "What can happen, will happen, sooner or later," and that anything said to you with reference to safety, is being said for YOUR SAKE.

We had much rather have a recommendation for safety now, than an accident report later.

Self-preservation is important to all of us.

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Employee was leaning over to watch re-winder in operation, when tie was caught in in-running rolls, and his chin was pulled tight against the top roll of paper.

SUGGESTION: Never get too close to moving machinery while wearing a dangling tie, or with loose clothing such as long or ragged sleeves.



Employee was hurrying to cafeteria during lunch hour, when a fellow worker gave her a shove, and she landed face downward on the board walk.

SUGGESTION: Remember that your job does not require you to run—too, that horse play is not only forbidden, but it is the worst enemy of safety.



Employee slipped and fell while hurrying down stairway.

SUGGESTION: Always take it easy on stairways, and use the protective handrails when ascending or descending. Broken bones can easily result from such falls.