

# Safety

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**“Working safely is like breathing – if you don’t, you die”**

**“Preparing and preventing is better than repairing and repenting.”**

**“Working without safety is a dead-end job. ”**

**“There are risks and cost to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction.” ~ John F. Kennedy**

Whether in the sports arena or in the workplace, the most effective results come from people who realize their goal is best achieved by teamwork. Injury preventing teamwork on the job consists of a combination of thoughtfulness and responsibility – for co-workers’ safety, as well as your own.

## **Team + Work = Safety**

Examples of this are: 1) Lending a hand when asked, or offering help when noticing a need. 2) Cleaning up a mess or spill that you cause – but even doing it for someone else’s mess in order to keep anyone from getting hurt. 3) Leaving your work area and equipment in safe condition for the next shift. 4) Reporting a potentially hazardous condition to your supervisor.

Here are some of the hallmarks of teamwork and safety: 1) It takes everyone working together cooperatively for everyone to be truly safe. 2) Teamwork means taking the time to show someone else the safe way to do a job, and asking for help if you are not sure what to do. 3) Cooperation of this sort is necessary, because we are all in this together. Just like work, life is not only safer and more productive, but even more fun when we cooperate. 4) Safety requires personal commitment and communication, and looking out for one another.

The following are some of the major characteristics of world-class safety culture: 1) Safety goals are clear and shared. 2) Culture manages safety behavior without over-reliance on safety policies. 3) People are trusted to make decisions according to the information they know, rather than their role in hierarchy. 4) Rewards are balanced between production, safety, and quality. 5) Mistakes are seen as an opportunity to learn. 6) Important information is communicated face-to-face. 7) Every person in the organization has the right to refuse or stop an unsafe job. 8) Safety is seen as a strategic business objective by all people in the organization. 9) Conflicts regarding safety priorities are resolved, not suppressed. 10) Systems to find and correct safety deficiencies are built into operations.

While surfing on the internet, I discovered an interesting organization called “SAFE” and it’s objective is to create SAFE environments for everyone.

SAFE → Stop Abuse For Everyone ([www.safe4all.org](http://www.safe4all.org))

If we extend the same principle to all people through individual effort of every human being on this planet, then we will create SAFETY on this planet.

SAFETY → Stop Abuse For Everyone Through Your Higher Awareness

We can make this a reality for everyone through our awareness, caring, and with constant connectedness.



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