

SAFETY TRAINING TALK

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TOPIC: Look Around You

Many times, accidents happen because we fail to see a hazard even though it's right under our nose. Or worse yet - we see the hazard, but fail to recognize it as an accident waiting to happen.

Each and every one of us has the responsibility to perform constant safety checks of our work environment to identify hazards **before they cause an accident**. When you see something that could cause an accident you should do something about it immediately. Don't wait till later. Either remove the hazard, or at the very least notify others of its existence.

Let's examine some of the common hazards that we can find if we just look around ourselves:

HOUSEKEEPING:

Debris and other scraps that are the byproduct of our work can easily become a tripping hazard; or in some instances even a fire hazard. So, practice good housekeeping. Clean up after yourself. And if you see something that could cause you or a fellow worker to lose his footing or trip..... pick it up, or move it, or if necessary put up a barricade to keep others away from it.

HOISTING EQUIPMENT & CRANES:

We have all been trained and warned to avoid working under rigs when they are flying loads. But obviously, since we spend most of our time looking down at the work we are performing we don't know the load is overhead. So if you are the one doing the rigging, be sure to warn others as the load is being flown into place.

OTHER WORKERS IN YOUR VICINITY:

Many times people get hurt because someone else does something that leads to an accident. For example, we all know someone who has been hit by a falling object on a jobsite. So be conscious of others working above or around you.

DON'T IGNORE IT!

Finally, in many instances you may see a hazard, like a spill, but say to yourself "Hey, it isn't my job to clean it up." Don't just walk away from it. Tell me, or someone who will get it cleaned up. But don't ignore it. Hazards won't just go away. They must be dealt with and eliminated.

So remember, look around you. If we all get in the habit of looking for and recognizing hazards; and then doing something about them, then we'll stand a much better chance of eliminating them before they cause an accident and someone gets hurt.

Next take a moment to discuss any particular safety concerns you want everyone to be aware of.

End the meeting by having the team sign the back of this sheet.