

## Responsibility for Safety and Good Attitude

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Safety is everyone's responsibility! As an employee, you should:

1. Learn to work safely and take all rules seriously
2. Recognize hazards and avoid them
3. Report all accidents & injuries and illness to your supervisor immediately
4. Inspect tools before use to avoid injury
5. Wear all assigned personal protective equipment when required
6. Make the most of my safety trainings

**Everyone must be aware of potential hazards on the job:** Poor housekeeping results in slips, trips and falls; Electricity can cause shocks, burns or fire if not handled properly; Poor material handling may cause back problems or other injuries; and Tools and equipment can cause injuries if guards or protective devices are disengaged.

**Always use the protections provided on the job:** Guards on machines and tools keep body parts from contacting moving equipment; Insulation on electrical equipment prevents burns, shock and fire; Lockout/tagout assures equipment is de-energized before it is repaired; and Personal protective equipment shields your body from hazards you may face on the job.

**In case of emergency:** Understand alarms and evacuation routes; Know how to notify emergency response personnel; Implement a procedure for leaving the scene safely so emergency personnel can do their job; and Wipe up spills promptly and correctly.

What is a **GOOD ATTITUDE**? Remember, your attitude is the approach you take mentally. So what is a good safety attitude? Here are a few examples:

1. Accidents have causes
2. Safe work is efficient work
3. We are always interested in safety
4. My co-workers are interested in safety
5. Working safely is a skill
6. My co-workers and I respect and appreciate safe work habits.

A few **UNSAFE ATTITUDES** include:

1. Irresponsibility (Not taking responsibility for what you know you should be doing)
2. Cluelessness or ignorance (taking on a task you don't know how to do safely nor asking for help)
3. Tolerance (looking the other way when you see someone else doing something unsafe)
4. Willfulness (knowing and willingly doing something hazardous or unsafe)
5. Procrastination (Why fix it now? If it impacts safety, do it or fix it now)
6. Carelessness (simple carelessness – pay attention to what you are doing)
7. Complacency (People grow complacent when they've done something so many times and for so long that they've been lulled into a false sense that nothing bad will ever happen to them)