

Anderson County Government Workplace Safety & Avoidable Injuries

“Safety is no accident..”

What is a Workplace Injury?

Workplace Injury: An injury, illness or death arising out of and in the course and scope of employment is by definition a compensable work-related claim.

Common Workplace Accidents That Result in Injury:

- Lifting/transporting objects
- Slips, trips, and falls
- Struck by or against an object
- Being caught in equipment
- Repetitive motion

Workplace Injury Statistics

On each work day a fatal injury occurs every 2 hours and a disabling injury happens every 8 hours.

What Causes Accidents

- **88% Are Caused By Human Error**
 - Under Confident With Job Task Or Environment
 - Over Confident With Job Task Or Environment
 - Short Cuts
- **10% Are Caused By Mechanical Failure**
 - Worn Equipment
 - Faulty Equipment
- **2% Beyond Human Control**
 - Act Of Nature

Avoidable Unsafe Work Methods

Samples:

- Lifting, pushing, pulling, holding, carrying or throwing heavy objects.
- Using equipment without inspecting it first
- Disregarding the mandatory uses of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Storing heavy objects on top shelves
- Storing cleaners and other chemicals in un-marked containers/locations
- Using chairs or tables to climb with
- Allowing clutter to build up in your working environment
- Removing machine guards or safety devices to ease task completion
- Wearing un-approved footwear or clothing for physical job demands

Safety Awareness

Know Your Hazards & Risk

<u>Hazard</u>	<u>Risk</u>	<u>Safety</u>
Lifting & Moving Objects	Strains/Sprains	Plan/Stretch/Mech. Aid
Climbing	Falling	Ladders/Stools/Spotters
Wet Floors	Slips/Trips/Falls	Signage/ Awareness
Damaged Equipment	Cuts/Burns/Shock	Equipment Inspection
Chemicals	Exposure	PPE/Reading Labels
Fire & Steam	Burns	PPE/Awareness
Blood-borne Pathogens	MRSA, Hep B & C	Awareness/PPE/Vaccine

Environmental Hazards In Your Workplace

Remain aware of other environmental and workplace conditions that can be conducive for the risk of injury:

- Walking/Working surfaces
- Worn/Faulty Equipment
- Housekeeping
- Extreme Temperatures
- Noise
- Poor lighting

Report all hazards of this nature to your supervisor and Director of Risk Management ASAP

Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility

Supervisors:

- Communicate workplace safety hazards & risk
- Ensure employees are trained & qualified for job tasks
- Enforce and promote workplace safety procedures
- Conduct safety inspections & accident investigations

Employees:

- Should talk to managers about safety concerns
- Follow safety policies & standard operating procedures
- Report all injuries that occur on the job
- *Watch out for each other*

Safety = Reducing the Risk

- Know the *Hazards* and associated *Risk*
- Follow Standard Operating Procedures
- Pay attention to your surroundings
- Be mindful of unsafe work methods
- Stay focused around safety hazards
- Report safety hazards

Questions

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