

TOOLBOX TALK #1



Step on Safety

Accident Prevention & Control

Prepare: Quiet location? No distractions? Talk aids ready?

Reason: HSE figures show that 61,000 accidents involving injuries, of which 39 were fatal, occurred in one year in the construction industry.

Why: In 2020-21 the industry employed over 9% of the total UK workforce, but accounted for 28% of all fatalities. Do not become the next statistic.

Outline: This talk will cover causes, costs and prevention of accidents.



Causes of Accidents

- People not thinking about what they are doing.
- People not following instructions.
- People not following training they've been given.
- Unsafe manual handling, loading, stacking and storing.
- Overloading of working places, scaffolding and hoists etc.

Q: What are the causes of Accidents in the Workplace

- Incorrect use of plant and machinery.
- Use of faulty equipment with improvised repairs.
- Illegal removal of guards and barriers.
- Failure to use protective safety equipment.
- Ignoring safety signals, signs and warning devices.

Q: What is a cause of accidents regarding plant?

The Cost of Accidents To You

- Pain, suffering and continuing disability.
- Loss of earnings and extra expense due to disability.
- Incapacity for the job and your leisure activities.
- Unable to support your family and possible family break up.

Q: What could the cost of an accident be to you?

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Accident Prevention & Control

Accident Prevention

- Do not remove guards from machines.
- Do not handle substances without knowing the hazards.
- Do not use machines if not trained and follow instructions.
- Always comply with safe working practices.
- Wear and use PPE correctly, do not abuse it.

Q: Before using substances what must you find out?

- Do not direct compressed air at yourself or others, it kills.
- Never mess around while working.
- Never use defective equipment or machinery.
- Help to keep the workplace clean and tidy.
- Wash and dry hands to remove substances from skin.

Q: Why should you not mess around on site?

- Report unsafe conditions to your supervisor.
- Use correct tools and equipment for the job.
- Obey all safety rules and signs.
- Do not leave tools lying about where they can fall.

Q: If you saw an unsafe condition what would you do?

Do you have any questions for me?

Questions for you

Q: How could an accident to you affect your family?

Q: Why shouldn't you remove guards from machinery?

REMEMBER:

**ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY UNSAFE PEOPLE
CREATING UNSAFE CONDITIONS**

Sources

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/pdf/fatalinjuries.pdf>

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/industry/construction.pdf>

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