

SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

ZERO HARM

A Good Safety Attitude

What's at stake

You have been receiving advice and tips about safety for years. You have listened to it at work and read about it on your safety bulletin boards, but probably never thought about it much. You might even think, "Injuries can't or won't happen to me."

What's the danger

Injuries can happen to anyone. Nobody is exempt. You can learn this the easy way by heeding advice, or you can learn it the hard way by dealing with an injury.

How to protect yourself

So what exactly are the elements of a good safety attitude?

FOCUS

A good safety attitude means you focus on the task. How well are you concentrating on the job/task? If you have other things on your mind, you may be distracted. And if you are bored, an unintentional slip is easy.

STRENGTH

No, this doesn't mean muscle strength. What it means is the strength to do the right thing, even when you are under pressure to take shortcuts. A good safety attitude means you have the strength to stick with the procedures.

TIME

A good safety attitude means taking the time to do things correctly and using the right PPE. Is saving a few minutes worth a lifelong injury? If you add up the life costs due to injuries, it is obvious that it is cheaper to do the job the safe way, the right way the first time.

RESPONSIBILITY

If you care about yourself, your family and your co-workers, you will take responsibility even when a task "isn't my job". A good safety attitude means thinking of yourself as part of the team.

RISK

We are all at risk. But you can weigh the risks of performing a job a certain way. A one in a thousand risk is not worth the possible cost. A good safety attitude means being smart and avoid taking unnecessary risk.

Final Word

Attitude is: your disposition; your feelings; your temperament; your spirit; your sensibilities; your opinions; your point of view; your approach to things; your presence. Your attitude is yours, you own it. It's how you feel toward a fact, situation, or condition and it's paramount to achieving accident prevention and successful risk management". In other words, *ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!* Develop the Zero Harm attitude it's contagious..