Why Accidents Occur...

... BECAUSE SAFETY IS NOT PUT AT THE TOP OF THE PRIORITY LIST

Statistics show that 80 out of every 100 accidents are caused by the person involved in the incident. Unsafe acts cause four times as many accidents and injuries as unsafe conditions.

When an accident occurs, the “root cause” needs to be identified. With most accidents, the underlying cause is due to one or more of the following reasons:

1. **TAKING SHORTCUTS:** Everyone takes a shortcut at one time or another, hoping to get the job done faster, but in many cases a shortcut can involve danger. Shortcuts that reduce your safety on the job are not shortcuts, but an increased chance for injury. Don’t improvise to save time.

2. **BEING OVER CONFIDENT:** Confidence is a good thing. Overconfidence is too much of a good thing. “It’ll never happen to me” is an attitude that can lead to improper procedures, tools, or methods in your work. Overconfidence will eventually catch up with you, resulting in injury.

3. **NOT HAVING PROPER INSTRUCTIONS:** To do the job safely and right the first time, you need proper instructions. If you aren’t sure about how to properly perform an assigned task, ask for explanations about work procedures and safety precautions.

4. **POOR HOUSEKEEPING:** When clients, managers, or safety professionals walk through your work site, housekeeping is an accurate indicator of everyone’s attitude about quality, production and safety. Poor housekeeping creates hazards of all types. Good housekeeping involves both pride for the work being performed and safety.

5. **IGNORING SAFETY PROCEDURES:** Purposely failing to observe safety procedures can endanger you and your co-workers. You are being paid to follow the company safety policies - not to make your own rules.

6. **MENTAL DISTRACTIONS:** Having a bad day at home and worrying about it at work is a hazardous combination. Dropping your mental guard can pull your focus away from safe work procedures. Don’t become a statistic, or be responsible for causing injury to a co-worker, because you can’t concentrate on the job being performed.

7. **NOT PRE-PLANNING:** Job Hazard Analysis is an effective way to figure out the smartest ways to work safely and effectively. Being hasty in starting a task, or not thinking through the process can expose you, or your co-workers, to injury.

Most accidents can be prevented by first reviewing each task, each day, with the crew. This will bring out any potential safety problems before they arise.

DON’T BE A STATISTIC- ACCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE!

Everyone suffers from this
1. The Employee
2. The Employee’s Family
3. The Job

Safety meetings are mandatory every Monday! Completed topics must be turned in to the Shop Office Tuesday Morning!
Why Accidents Occur - (Continued from front)

Foreman’s Check List:

- Posting Notices Accessible - Identify Location
- GCC Code of Safe Practices Accessible
- USA Notified/Lines Marked (800) 227-2600
- PG&E Notified/10’ Rule (800) 743-5000
- Required Cal/OSHA Permit(s) obtained
- Emergency Exit Routes/Meeting Location Identified
- Special Hazards Identified
- Fire Extinguishers Charged & Accessible
- First Aid Kit Stocked and Accessible
- Trenching operations & requirements reviewed
- Flagging Operations Reviewed
- Housekeeping/Storage & Handling Requirements Reviewed
- Personal Protective Equipment Reviewed
- Equipment Inspected (faulty/damaged equipment must be tagged and returned to the Santa Rosa Yard)
- MSDS are available for all substances present at the jobsite
- Hazard inspections and corrections are documented

Reminders:

- Work-related injuries MUST be reported immediately
- GCC uses designated medical providers for treatment of work-related injuries
- All accidents and near-miss incidents must be reported
- No employee can enter a trench exceeding 5’ deep unless advised that is is safe by the competent person
- MSDS sheets are available for review - do not work with any product that you are not familiar with
- Do not enter areas where substances are being used by other contractors, unless trained on the proper safety precautions
- Horseplay is not permitted
- Daily jobsite walkthroughs must be performed
- No employee is permitted to perform any task that they have not been trained to perform
- All potential and/or identified hazards must be reported to allow for immediate correction and communication of exposure to other workers
- Discuss parking arrangements for the project

Special Topics for Project (address specific exposures, MSDS reviewed, etc.):

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Safety Recommendations & Employee Comments:

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Tailgate Meeting Attended By (employees are required to sign/print name):

Signature includes confirmation of the following:

- In the last week I have not suffered any work-related injury or illness that has not been reported to my Supervisor
- In the last week I have not been denied my authorized 10-minute breaks
- In accordance with Prop 65 requirements, I have been notified that at I may be working in areas, or with products, which contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause Cancer and Birth Defects or Other Reproductive Harm

Su firma incluye la confirmación de lo siguiente:

- En la semana pasada no he sufrido ninguna lesión o enfermedad relacionada con el trabajo que no haya sido reportada a mi Supervisor.
- En la semana pasada no he sido prevenido de tomar mis descansos autorizados de 10 minutos.

Supervisor (Print Name): ___________________________ Date: _________

Safety Prize Winner: ___________________________