

INTRODUCTION

Safety is a way of life and should be thought about so often that it simply becomes second nature. Recognizing hazards is an important part of keeping you and your co-workers safe.

MAKING HAZARD RECOGNITION SECOND NATURE

- Review safety procedures for your job and work area on a daily basis
- Understand how unsafe acts can lead to accidents
- Participate in safety training every opportunity you get
- Use your safety knowledge in all aspects of your job, every hour of the day
- Help instruct new workers in identifying potentially hazardous situations

IDENTIFICATION OF UNSAFE ACTS

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Many hazards are obvious to those who open their eyes and minds to see them

CORRECT POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Hazard recognition is valuable only when corrective action is taken
- Report all potential hazards to your supervisor
- Work with your supervisor to make sure the hazard is corrected and communicate with co-workers so they don't cause any potential hazards
- Be the safety coordinator for your work area and stress the importance of safety to your co-workers
- If you are not sure what to do, ask

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Are the necessary materials available to perform the work?
- Does everyone have the proper tools to perform the tasks at hand?
- Are there enough workers to handle the job? Have they all had safety training?
- Are environmental conditions such as light, noise and weather a factor?
- Are there too many people in the area to work safely?
- Have other sub's on the job been notified about hazardous tasks or materials?

Don't wait for accidents to occur! Think, plan, anticipate, evaluate and control hazards!