

Accident Prevention and Control

Toolbox Talk G50



- Reason** The Construction industry is a particularly hazardous industry responsible for a high number of accidents and incidents.
- Why** The industry employs 6% of the total UK workforce but accounts for 23% of all fatalities.
- Outline** This talk will cover causes, costs and prevention of accidents.

Causes of Accidents Include:

- 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.
- 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 alarms, signs and warning devices.

The Cost of Accidents to an Individual:

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

Accident Prevention:

- Don't remove guards from machines.
- Don't handle substances without knowing the hazards.
- Don't use machines if not trained.
- Always comply with safe working practices.
- Wear and use PPE correctly, and look after it.
- Never mess around while working, avoid horseplay.
- Never use defective equipment or machinery.
- Help to keep the work place clean and tidy (Clear as you Go!).
- Report unsafe and near miss conditions to your supervisor
- Use correct tools and equipment for the job.
- Obey all safety rules and signs.
- Don't leave tools and equipment lying about where they can fall.

REMEMBER ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY UNSAFE PEOPLE CREATING UNSAFE CONDITIONS

