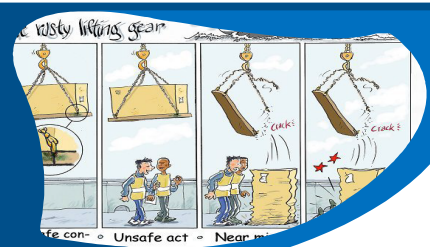


Toolbox Talk

Unsafe Acts & Conditions



What?

- An unsafe condition is a poor physical condition that exists in the workplace, which can lead to injury or ill-health and would include such things as missing guards, defective equipment, inadequate lighting, exposed electrical cables, damaged flooring, trailing cables, faulty steps excessive dust and fumes etc.
- An unsafe act is poor practice carried out whilst at work which could lead to injury or ill-health and includes such things as driving too fast, by-passing safety interlocks, taking short cuts, forgetting to isolate, failure to wear PPE, ignoring instructions, not checking weights of loads before lifting etc.

Why?

- Failing to look for unsafe conditions before starting work means there are hidden dangers which have the potential to cause injury
- It makes sense to check for hazards and to take steps to eliminate or reduce their impact before commencing the job
- The same can be said about unsafe acts why take risks when you don't have to?
- By eliminating unsafe conditions and unsafe conditions, and responding to near miss occurrences today, we narrow the base of the injury pyramid, thus reducing the likelihood of a more serious incident occurring tomorrow



Do



- ✓ Look for unsafe conditions before starting work
- ✓ Try to eliminate the condition or reduce it's impact
- ✓ Report conditions which you cannot deal with yourself
- ✓ Consult your supervisor if you are not sure what to do about an unsafe condition
- ✓ Report all unsafe conditions to prevent them recurring
- ✓ Follow the rules and avoid taking risk
- ✓ Report unsafe acts you see in the workplace

Don't



- ✗ Ignore an unsafe act
- ✗ Take risks it could be fatal
- ✗ Ignore procedures because of:-
 - Rushing
 - Frustration
 - Fatigue
 - Complacency

