



# SAFETY BULLETIN

## Safety Bulletin # 14-4

### SAFETY IN GENERAL

There has been a recent spike in the number of injury related incidents that have come across my desk. Every one of them can be attributed to simple carelessness. So far it has been cuts, sprains and strains, and nobody has missed work. What worries me is that the difference between a minor injury and a major injury in our business can often be measured in millimeters.

Remember that safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility. It is Management's job to provide us with a safe work environment and any PPE above basic for us to safely do our job. It is OUR responsibility to do our jobs safely and to utilize anything that management provides us in order to do so.

There is absolutely no reason to do any task without first assessing the hazards associated with it and then determining how to eliminate or at least control those hazards. That is why you all have those FLHA's to fill out *at your task site*. Put on whatever PPE is appropriate, select the proper tool for the job, warn other workers if what you are about to do affects them, and get to work.

Now, maybe you can live with poor safety habits resulting in the loss of an eye, or missing body parts or maybe only back issues that will plague you for the rest of your life. Let's just say those kind of things don't bother you. Maybe getting home after work and playing with the kids is just not important to you. Then think about the money. If we can eliminate lost time incidents, then over the next few years we will see substantial decreases in the premiums paid for WCB. This of course results in more profits, which translates into bigger profit sharing bonuses.

Keep that in mind when observing your co-workers as well. You can talk to them about any safety issues you may observe either so you don't have to help carry him/her to the ambulance or the hearse, or because you care about the money even if they don't.

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