



WORKPLACE HAZARDS – THE DEADLY DOZEN

TOOLBOX TALK SERIES – INJURY PREVENTION

Week 1 and Week 2 – December 2021

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2.7 million nonfatal workplace injuries occurred during 2020. The top three leading causes of injuries during 2020 were overexertion, slips/falls/trips, and contact with equipment or objects.

Unsafe Acts

1. Unauthorized use or operation of equipment.
2. Failure to secure or tie down materials to prevent unexpected movement.
3. Working or operating equipment too fast.
4. Failure to issue warnings or signals as required.
5. Using defective tools or equipment.
6. Removing guards.
7. Improperly using tools or equipment.
8. Standing in an unsafe place or assuming an improper posture (as in lifting).
9. Servicing moving equipment.
10. Riding equipment not designed for passengers.
11. Horseplay.
12. Failure to wear the proper personal equipment.

Unsafe Conditions

1. Lack of proper guards.
2. Lack of a proper warning system.
3. Fire or explosion hazards.
4. Poor housekeeping.
5. Unexpected movements.
6. Protruding objects such as nails, wire or other metals.
7. Improper clearance or congestion at aisles or passageways.
8. Poor placement, storage or arrangement of materials.
9. Hazardous tools, equipment or materials.
10. Poor lighting, high noise levels.
11. Hazardous atmospheric conditions.
12. Improper personal attire.

Now that you know the acts and conditions to look for, what can you find in the workplace?
Let your supervisor know if you find any unsafe conditions or acts!

