

Talk No. 17 – General Safety & Health briefing

Reason for Talk

Under health and safety legislation all persons on site have a legal responsibility to be aware of their own safety and that of others.

Main Points

General

- ◆ Know the company's safety policy, including the arrangements.
- ◆ Use and maintain PPE provided – report any defects immediately.
- ◆ Do your bit to keep the site tidy, in good order, and safe.
- ◆ Obey all warning signs.
- ◆ Never operate plant or equipment unless suitably competent/trained.
- ◆ Never interfere with the likes of guard-rails, ladders, etc.
- ◆ Never interfere or misuse safety equipment such as fire extinguishers.
- ◆ Never throw things from height, always lower properly.
- ◆ Never take short cuts – they rarely are!
- ◆ Only ever use authorised access/egress routes.
- ◆ Store/stack materials sensibly, especially if at height.
- ◆ Check substances before use – are they hazardous? Inflammable?
- ◆ Be alert in vicinity of mobile plant.
- ◆ Be aware of trespassers – if you don't recognise someone, ask them who they are looking for and direct them to the site manager.
- ◆ Constantly think safety on site. Be on the lookout for unsafe practices, defective equipment, excessive waste build up, etc, and report such to site managers – never turn a blind eye!

On Site Safety

The presenter should outline / reiterate the site specific requirements of this particular site with regard to;

- ◆ Safety culture is when people think and act safely even when no-one is looking!
- ◆ Safety signs don't prevent accidents – safe people and safe systems do!
- ◆ No system can be safe without the co-operation of all employers and employees. It is a team effort requiring awareness and alertness on the part of everyone.

Questions

Presenter should request any questions from the audience

MAIN POINT FROM THIS SESSION

ON SITE SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL



