# **Safety Matters**

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## Launch Your Safety Program

Safety programs are not only the responsibility of your supervisor or safety manager – everyone must take part to keep the workplace free from hazards. Lots of work goes on behind the scenes to make your job as safe as possible, but there are also some things you can do to take accident prevention into your own hands.

Safety is important because nothing less than the future of your family is at stake. They are counting on you to provide food and shelter, and an on-the-job accident could very easily disable you and leave you without security. Whatever your job status is and whatever your duties include, use these tips to help make our safety program a success.

#### Work as a Team

Each person in the workplace, from employees to supervisors and management, must work together to achieve our safety goals. With everyone pitching in ideas and suggestions, we can solve problems and get through tough situations.

If you see a co-worker being careless or unsafe, it is your job to speak up. Remember that you have the right to work in a place free from hazards.

### **Make Safety Suggestions**

If you are a seasoned employee, you can use your years of valuable experience to spot potential safety hazards. Or if you are a new employee, you may be able to spot something right away that a long-time pro may have overlooked.

You and your co-workers can get your own safety program off the ground by giving your supervisors or safety leaders ideas on how things can be made safer. Any idea, no matter how small it may seem to you, could prevent a serious accident.

#### **Ask Questions**

If you are unsure about any aspect of your company's safety program, ask. It is better to ask a question if you are hesitant than wait until after a serious accident occurs.

It's easy to make a safety program successful if everyone does their part. Follow these simple guidelines, and you will be one of the keys to keeping our safety program on solid ground.

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