

## Accident Prevention and Control

**Overview** This talk will cover: causes, costs and prevention of accidents.

### Causes of accidents

- 1 People not thinking about what they are doing.
- 2 People not following instructions.
- 3 People not following training they've been given.
- 4 Unsafe manual handling, loading, stacking and storing
- 5 Overloading of working places, scaffolding and hoists etc.
- 6 Incorrect use of plant and machinery.
- 7 Use of faulty equipment with improvised repairs.
- 8 Illegal removal of guards and barriers.
- 9 Failure to use protective safety equipment.
- 10 Ignoring safety signals, signs and warning devices.

### The cost of accidents to you

- 1 Pain, suffering and continuing disability.
- 2 Loss of earnings and extra expense due to disability.
- 3 Incapacity for the job and your leisure activities
- 4 Unable to support family and possible family break – up.

### Accident prevention

- 1 Don't remove guards from machines.
- 2 Don't handle substances without knowing the hazards.
- 3 Don't use any machines if not trained and follow instructions.
- 4 Always comply with safe working practices.
- 5 Wear and use PPE correctly, don't abuse it
- 6 Don't direct compressed air at yourself or others, it kills.
- 7 Never mess around while working.
- 8 Never use defective equipment or machinery.
- 9 Help to keep the workplace clean.
- 10 Wash and dry hands to remove substances from skin.
- 11 Report unsafe conditions to your supervisor.
- 12 Use correct tools and equipment for the job
- 13 Obey all safety rules and signs
- 14 Don't leave tools lying about where they can fall onto to someone below.

**Do you have any questions for me?**

**REMEMBER:** ACCIDENTS ARE CASUED BY UNSAFE PEOPLE CREATING UNSAFE CONDITIONS.