

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

SAFETY MEETING OUTLINES

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Company Name _____ Job Name _____ Date _____

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

We hold regular safety meetings to discuss precautions you can take to prevent accidents and injuries; but when it comes right down to it, your safety is a matter of personal choice. Each of you makes choices, and those choices affect yourself and others. You must accept responsibility for your choices and your safety.

None of us likes to hear about a worker being crushed in an excavation cave-in, or to learn that someone has been killed in a fall. What's worse is that in many cases a safety violation is found to be the root cause of the accident. Construction and maintenance work is dangerous. We all **know** that safe work practices can prevent many accidents and minimize injuries on the job. Our biggest problem is that many of us are not incorporating safety into our day-to-day activities. The equipment you work on may have guards, but if you don't use them, they won't do much good. You can be issued a hard hat, but if you don't wear it, it can't protect you. The safe way may take a little longer or require a little more effort, but it may also mean that you'll be back on the job again tomorrow instead of recuperating in a hospital.

Let's review some of the common sense rules that should be followed on every jobsite. If you see or are aware of any hazard, correct it or report it. Read and observe instructions and warnings on signs and labels. Keep your work area clean and orderly. Clean up spills as soon as possible to prevent slipping accidents. Don't use a defective or damaged tool. Lock out power sources before beginning any electrical work. Protect yourself by wearing all personal protective equipment required for the job you are performing. Never participate in practical jokes and horseplay.

Recognize the limits of your physical strength, your knowledge, and your skills. Use a mechanical device or get help from a co-worker when lifting heavy objects. Always read the MSDS before using any chemical. Read manuals so you know how to operate tools and equipment properly.

No matter how many devices or rules are in place, how much equipment is issued, or how many safety meetings we hold, injuries and accidents will continue to occur until each of us actually works safely every day. You make the choice to work safely, not your supervisor, not the safety director. Your choice will affect you and those who work with you. As the new year begins, resolve to make safety your **number one** priority at work and at home.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Play it safe as you celebrate
the dawn of a new century.
If you drive, don't drink — if you drink, don't drive.**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____