

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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Company Name _____ Job Name _____ Date _____

OFF-THE-JOB SAFETY

Whenever you meet someone you know but haven't seen for a while, you usually ask each other two questions: "How are you?" and "How's the family?" Wouldn't it be great if both of you could always answer with a carefree, "Fine" and "Great"? Off-the-job deaths and injuries result from fires, drownings, auto accidents, slips, and falls. They occur in bathrooms, kitchens, and garages; on sidewalks, golf courses, and highways; at campgrounds, in bowling alleys, and in swimming pools — wherever there are people. Well, there are no immunization shots against accidents. It may look as though accidents just happen, but there is always a cause, and there's a lot you can do to prevent them.

First, apply the safety rules you follow at work to your home and family. The regulations you follow on the job in regard to fire and accident prevention are just good common sense and they'll work at home too. Keep hallways and stairs free of tripping hazards. Don't overload electrical circuits. Don't use unsafe tools or ladders. Get prompt treatment for injuries, even minor cuts and scratches. Store flammable materials safely. Respect moving machinery like saws, lawnmowers, and snow blowers. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment at home as you would at work. Think through a project before starting.

Second, teach children how to **live** safely by setting a good example. Wear your seat belt whenever you drive and insist that passengers, especially children, buckle up too. Learn to swim or tread water and make sure your children learn also. When cycling, make sure everyone on a bike wears a helmet. Safety at home is like safety on the job — it's a habit, a frame of mind, a way of looking at things. As they do with other habits and attitudes, your children learn safety habits and attitudes from you. Having parents who practice safety is the best guarantee that kids will **live** safely.

Third, start your own off-the-job safety program. Get the family interested in safety. Make it a contest for the kids. Give awards for the best ideas and plans for making your home safer. If you can't think of a place to start, consider your fire escape plan — does everyone know **two** ways to get out? Make it a rule to practice your plan regularly.

Off-the-job safety affects all of us. One accident can ruin a weekend trip or spoil that long over-due vacation. Remind everyone not to take unnecessary chances. For the sake of your family, practice safety at home.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Wear a lifejacket anytime you are in a boat.
Be sure every child on board wears one too.**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____