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Safety is a cooperative undertaking requiring a total safety consciousness on the part of every employee. No one likes to see someone injured, but if an accident occurs, in addition to treating the victim, prompt reporting must take place and corrective action taken to prevent additional problems. Proper planning, a good safety program, the right tools, and communication combine to prevent accidents.

Good housekeeping must always be practiced in and around your work areas. Return unused material to the proper storage place. Personal Protective equipment must be worn when the task requires it. Clothing and footwear should be suitable for the job. Set the example -- do what is right and never take chances or short cuts -- they cause accidents and injuries.

Alcohol and drugs have no place on a construction worksite. They will impair your motor skills and judgment. Employees should be alert to see that guards are kept in place and properly adjusted. Never handle electrical equipment unless you have been trained to do so. Follow lockout/tag out procedures wherever applicable for routine servicing, repair, or relocation of electrical, hydraulic, or pneumatic equipment.

Teamwork, planning, and safety training go a long way in having a safe work environment. Know your limits -- ask for help -- take as much training as the company offers -- and look out for one another. If you do all the above, you know that your job will be safer for you and your co-workers.

