

Talk No: Title: 45 **GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY REFRESHER**

Introduction: All persons on site have a legal responsibility for health and safety and to conduct their activities in a safe manner. This duty applies both to yourself and to your workmates.

Main points:

- Safety culture is when people think and act safely even when no-one is looking!
- Safety signs don't prevent accidents safe people and safe systems do!
- No system can be safe without the co-operation of all employers and employees. It is a team effort requiring awareness and alertness on the part of everyone.

Discussion points:

- Know the company's safety policy, including the arrangements.
- Use and maintain PPE provided report any defects immediately.
- Do your bit to keep the site tidy, in good order, and safe.
- Obey all warning signs.
- Never operate plant or equipment unless suitably competent/trained.
- Never interfere with the likes of guard-rails, ladders, etc.
- Never interfere or misuse safety equipment such as fire extinguishers.
- Never throw things from height, always lower properly.
- Never take short cuts they rarely are!
- Only ever use authorised access/egress routes.
- Store/stack materials sensibly, especially if at height.
- Check substances before use are they hazardous? Inflammable?
- Be alert in vicinity of mobile plant.
- Be aware of trespassers if you don't recognise someone, ask them who they are looking for and direct them to the site manager.
- Constantly think safety on site. Be on the lookout for unsafe practices, defective

a blind eye!
SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS
- ESPECIALLY YOURS!
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