

Safety Awareness Ideas

Here are some quick and easy ways to help your employees be more aware of safety every day. These ideas *cannot* take the place of a fully implemented safety program, but they can help.

1. ***Give Supervisors More Accountability.*** Expect supervisors to make regular inspections of work areas, submitting completed inspection checklists to the Safety Director. Any injuries resulting from malfunctioning equipment not identified by the inspection could be the responsibility of the supervisor.
2. ***Get Workers Involved in Safety Inspections.*** Choose workers at random to complete daily safety surveys of their own departments or work areas. Choose different workers each day. This encourages workers to focus on safety as they perform their surveys. Identified hazards are referred to the appropriate person for corrective action. Make sure the hazards are actually corrected!
3. ***Choose a “Safety Slogan of the Week.”*** Choose workers at random to come up with the motto for that week. Reward them with a special cap, belt buckle, chance of a drawing, etc.
4. ***Focus on Work Groups.*** Complete a review of injury trends by department, and use department meetings to discuss problem areas. Solicit suggestions from workers, and issue a challenge to the work group to achieve a reduction in injury rates over a certain time period.
5. ***Start a Safety Suggestion Program.*** Install a system where a person who spots a hazard can fill out a safety observation form to report the unsafe condition, and require management to respond to that individual within a certain time period. Give awards for the most useful suggestions, and give recognition for *all* suggestions.
6. ***Install an “Injury Traffic Signal” at each doorway.*** The traffic light “turns” yellow for any minor injury and red for any lost time injury. Three days after the incident, the light “turns” back to green.

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