

ACCIDENT PREVENTION

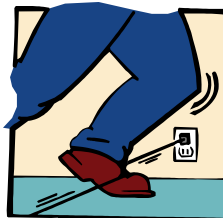


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1. An unexpected, undesirable event.
2. Something occurring unexpectedly or unintentionally.

The definition of accident does not include the word unavoidable, yet when many accidents do occur some people automatically assume that they are unavoidable.

Consider this: 80 out of 100 accidents are the fault of the person involved in the incident. **Unsafe acts** cause four times as many accidents and injuries as **unsafe conditions**.



Common Accident Causes

- **Taking Shortcuts** - every day we make decisions we hope will make the job faster and more efficient. But do these time savers ever risk your own safety, or that of other employees or students? Short cuts that reduce your safety on the job are not shortcuts but an increased chance for injury.
- **Being Over Confident** - Confidence is a good thing. Over confidence is too much of a good thing. “It’ll never happen to me” is an attitude that can lead to improper procedures, tool use, or methods in your work. Any of these can lead to an injury.
- **Poor Housekeeping** - When parents or members of the public walk through your site, housekeeping is an accurate indicator of everyone’s attitude about quality and safety. Poor housekeeping creates hazards of all types. A well maintained area sets a standard for others to follow. Good housekeeping involves both pride and safety.

“It is better to be careful 100 times than to get killed once.” Mark Twain

