

# Safety Topics

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## Words of Wisdom

Tell me, and I'll forget.  
Show me, and I may not remember, involve me, and I'll understand.

— Native American Proverb

## Start Everyday With Safety

Everybody seems to be very busy in our fast paced world. We rush to get to work and then rush to get home. We have just been through the busiest holiday season of our year where we all rush to get everything done. Now it is back to work.

Let's make it our goal in 2007 to have our safest year and start by making a resolution to begin each work day with a few minute discussion with every employee of some safety topic. One or two minutes out of an entire day is a small request and will prompt people to stop thinking about and/or worrying about non-work issues. It will help to focus everyone on the job to be accomplished.

Some examples of what to talk about:

- Heavy rain/snow/ice last night caused roadways to be slick/hazardous/treacherous, so slow down and give yourself extra time to stop. Extra care must be used to avoid falls on slick steps, etc.
- As you start working on such and such equipment, don't forget your lockout procedures.

- Review any recent injuries that have occurred within imi or at other companies.
- The holidays are just past, time to get your mind back on the job at hand.
- We have worked 100 days, or how many it has been, with no lost time injuries.
- We have a new em-



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2007 As Our Safest Year!!  
Have a Happy New Year!!**

ployee on site today, please take the time to show him/her the safe way to do the job.

- Does anyone have any safety or health suggestions?

The point is safety is an everyday all day long concern. Constant reminders of the importance of safety will help focus our efforts.

## For What It Is Worth!!

### Don't Make Me Bible Belt You!

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss his use of the car.

"I'll make a deal with you," said his father. "You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut, and then we'll talk."

A month later the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

"Son, I'm real proud of you. You've brought your grades up and you've studied your Bible, but you didn't get hair cut!"

"You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."

"Yes son, and they walked everywhere they went!"

## Housekeeping and Oil Products

This is a revisited topic but is an important issue that needs to be reviewed from time to time. There are new rules, too.

In December 2006 Federal EPA signed the final rule outlining the new requirements under Spill Prevention Control

and Countermeasure (SPCC) 40 CFR 112.. Every State has a slightly different idea about how Federal rules must be enforced but basically:

- All oil products should have secondary containment.

- Leaks around oil storage areas must be controlled to not only prevent ground water contamination, but minimize fire hazards as well.

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Safety is never an accident: it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution! It represents the wise choice of many alternatives!!

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## **Housekeeping and Oil Products *Continued***

- Fuel delivery must be controlled to prevent the potential of an oil spill reaching waters of the US.
- There must be overflow preventative measures for bulk storage of oil.
- A log must be maintained of times when water is released from secondary containment. Include a description of the condition of the water. If there is an oily sheen, it must be controlled and not allowed to be put on the ground or into waterways.
- Oil spill clean-up and containment materials must be available.
- Training must be provided to personnel expected to respond to spill events.
- Regular inspections of oil storage and handling equipment must documented.
- Check with your lovable, friendly old safety, health and environmental manager to find out the procedure for making contacts if an emergency occurs and have a list on site for who to call.



First and foremost:

Stop the spill!!

Do what is needed to clean up the spill. Never ignore a spill or try to hide it.

You must have a plan and as with everything, practice makes perfect.

We now have until 2009 to write a new SPCC plan for each of our locations that have oil storage. Please know that what I have outlined here is only a small portion of the requirements. But, these are things that each of us need to know in our daily routine.

*I sincerely hope that  
 you all have a Happy &  
 Safe New Year!!*