

<b>Talk No:</b> 66	<b>Title:</b> The Benefits of Safety
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**Introduction:** To raise awareness of the benefits of working safely

- ABM Group UK has a good safety record when compared with some companies, but even one accident is one accident too many
- In ABM Group UK we would like to have zero accidents
- Too many accidents are caused by people knowingly working or behaving in an unsafe manner
- With care, most accidents are totally and easily preventable
- When working be aware of the safety of others as well as yourself. You have a legal duty to do so.

**Do's**

- Comply with safety training and instruction, and with site safety rules; site induction should inform you of the hazards
- Be aware of how the job you are doing could affect the people around you
- Ask your line manager if you have any doubts on safety issues
- Report to your line manager anyone who you see working or behaving in an unsafe manner, especially horseplay
- Stop work if you have any doubts of the safety of yourself or others

**Don'ts**

- Be tempted to cut corners to get the job done more quickly, there could be a high price to pay
- Go to work if you know that you are not fit through illness, drink, drugs or for any other reason

**The Costs of Accidents**

- A poor safety record could result in our company being fined and suffering increased insurance premiums
- Money lost in these ways cannot be used elsewhere, the company could be forced out of business
- Employees who demonstrate or tolerate poor safety practice may find themselves out of work
- The personal cost of knowing you have caused a serious accident – or worse – could last a lifetime

**The Benefits of Safety**

- Fewer accidents resulting in less pain and suffering for all
- Individuals have less time off with possible loss of income
- Fewer accident investigations, fines and insurance premium increases; more money available for other things
- Higher employee morale and a more contented workforce

**Questions**

1. What should you do if you are asked to use a dangerous machine on which you have not been trained?
2. Who is ultimately responsible for your safety?
3. How do you think someone's colleagues would react, knowing that he or she has caused a serious accident?

**DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC – STAY SAFE**