



GENERAL SAFETY – CARELESSNESS

If you know the proper and safe way to do the job, then you cannot claim ignorance. What is left, whether you like it or not, is carelessness.

So, what can cause you to temporarily disregard your own safety?

External Pressure

'Let's get this job done! Usually, this pressure comes from your direct supervisor. Disregarding safe practices is not going to save enough time to make a significant difference. However, any accident or injury is guaranteed to have an effect.

Bad Habits

You fail to follow the established procedure and you don't get hurt (or you were not caught) this time. Psychologically, this is a roulette. How many times can you pull the trigger before a round is in the chamber? Do yourself a favour and follow the established procedures.

Internal Pressure

There is just so much to do and not enough time! Are you self-motivated and self-directed? Most employers love this type of individual, but your single-minded determination to get the job done may cause you to lose sight of the dangers around you. First, prevent injury. Second, work to complete the job.

Attitude

The safety stuff doesn't apply to me! So, what makes you so special? A study of mine accidents involving foremen showed that the foremen were injured when they personally failed to apply the safety standards they were to enforce. There is nothing in your status that will protect you from injury except following the safe procedure.

Remember, Safety is no more than doing the job the right way every day.