

Toolbox

Safety Series



OFF-THE-JOB SAFETY

A large part of our job in safety is to help you form a safe attitude - to encourage you to want to be safe and to think safety at all times. It's important not just to you and your family, but to your employer as well. This all takes place on the job. But off-the-job safety is important, too.

What you do on your own time is your own business, but it's only natural that we're concerned about each other's welfare, both on and off the job.

Only an immature person would deliberately leave safety at work. However, there are times when we all get a little careless.

The highways are prime areas of concern for safety away from work. I won't attempt to go into all the aspects of traffic safety. Watch your speed on the road. Be patient getting out of the parking lot and always watch the other driver.

Most of us are do-it-yourselfers around the house and this is where a lot of people are injured. Be careful when using ladders. Make sure your ladder is safe before climbing it - don't over reach or climb too high.

When using tools, pick the right tool for the job. Don't use a tool if it is in poor condition. Power tools should be grounded with a three-pronged plug or double insulated. Remember to stay off wet surfaces when using electric power tools.

Watch weather conditions. Don't overexert yourself when shoveling snow, and don't work too long in the hot sun, especially if you've had a hard week on the job.

Off-the-job safety should really be second nature if you practice it in earnest at work. So keep an eye out for hazards, whether you're on the golf course, in your boat, or driving your snowmobile.

Accidents away from work account for 70 percent of all deaths and 55 percent of all injuries to workers. You are all valuable employees and each of you fits into our overall operation. Your contribution would be difficult to replace if you were injured either on, or off the job.

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LEADER NOTES

Objective: To reinforce the concepts of keeping safe attitudes off the job as well as on.

THE TALK – POINTS TO COVER

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Location: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Number of employees: _____

Number attending: _____

Record of those attending:

Name: (please print)	Signature:

Other safety issues or suggestions made by employees:

Manager's remarks: _____

Manager: _____
(Signature)

Supervisor: _____
(Signature)