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SIP-TIP: ACCIDENTS DON'T JUST HAPPEN

1. Accidents have causes.

- ! The LAW OF AVERAGES may be suggested as a factor to consider when it is indicated that weeks have passed since the last injury.
- ! Construction accident rates are not controlled by the law of averages. Accidents are not “bound to happen” because of the amount of work performed. The fact is that accidents are most often caused by NEGLECT, OVERSIGHT, or simple CARELESSNESS on the part of employees and/or employers. Accidents do not just happen; they are caused.



2. Follow these basic rules for accident prevention:

- ! Check all work areas DAILY for hazards. Extra precautions need to be taken and noted to safeguard personnel when working with or near overhead powerlines, open ditches, scaffolds, etc.
- ! Equipment and vehicles should be checked DAILY for defects. Check tires, steering linkage, windshield wipers, rear view mirrors, etc. Cranes should be inspected daily to ensure that safe cables and chokers are used and that the hydraulics are in good condition.



! Check housekeeping DAILY. Poor housekeeping causes accidents. Keep all work areas and walkways clear of debris. Check hand tools and power tools BEFORE EACH USE. Broken or cracked tools cause accidents. Replace or repair all damaged tools.

! Check ladders and scaffolds BEFORE EACH USE. Ladders will not slip when properly tied-off. Tools will not fall from scaffolds when toe boards are properly installed.

! Any deficiencies should be pointed out to your supervisor.

These are only a few of the precautions that can be taken to prevent accidents. Protect the most important machine on the job — **the human body.**

REMEMBER...“ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED, THEY DON'T JUST HAPPEN”