

Top Safety Compliance Hazards – Special Report



Always be thinking about workplace safety. Almost all injuries are preventable but not thinking and not paying close attention are the leading cause of all workplace injuries. Watch out for safety hazards for yourself and for others around you. There is NEVER a good reason NOT to be safe at work. An often overlooked element when identifying hazards is the complacency that happens when personnel become adept and efficient at their jobs. They can begin to complete tasks automatically without actively thinking about hazard identification and control. Complacency can also come into play when nothing bad has happened or almost happened. Without even realizing it, employees can start to believe that since they have never been injured or had an incident they won't. This is when elementary precautions such as gloves, safety glasses, locking devices, and machine and tool guards are removed. In order to combat complacency, employers can use a variety of tools including safety or toolbox talks, inspections, and a buddy system where teams of employees work together to hold each other accountable to working safely.