Accident Prevention and Control

What are the causes of accidents in the workplace?

- People not thinking about what they are doing
- People not following instructions
- People not following training they've been given
- Unsafe manual handling, loading, stacking and storing
- Overloading of working places, scaffolding and hoists etc
- Incorrect use of plant and machinery
- Use of faulty equipment with improvised repairs
- Illegal removal of guards and barriers
- Failure to use protective safety equipment
- Ignoring safety signals, signs and warning devices

The cost of accidents to you

- Pain, suffering and continuing disability
- Loss of earnings and extra expense due to disability
- Incapacity for the job and your leisure activities
- Unable to support family and possible family break up

Accident prevention

- Don't remove guards from machines
- Don't handle substances without knowing the hazards
- Don't use any machines if not trained and follow instructions
- Always comply with safe working practices
- Wear and use PPE correctly, don't abuse it

Controls

- Don't direct compressed air at yourself or others, it kills
- Never mess around while working
- Never use defective equipment or machinery
- Help to keep the workplace clean
- Wash and dry hands to remove substances from skin
- Report unsafe conditions to your supervisor
- Use correct tools and equipment for the job
- Obey all safety rules and signs
- Don't leave tools lying about where they can fall onto someone below

REMEMBER: ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY UNSAFE PEOPLE CREATING UNSAFE CONDITIONS.

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