### FUNDAMENTALS OF SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION BY R.K. SHARMA

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MANAGER(FIRE& SAFETY) IFFCO KALOL UNIT "I am a student of whoever I can learn from. I don't see myself in position like I' M above anybody else and I can never learn or no one can ever teach me anything ....."

"The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education."

"The illiterates of 21<sup>st</sup> century will not be those who can't read, write or express but those who can not learn, unlearn and relearn ....."





#### AAIYE SURAKSHA KA SHRIGANESH KAREIN

Three essential ingredients in any Organization. Man,

#### Machine

#### Material

These form three angle of a triangle with Management at center to control them.

It is essential that this triangle is an equilateral triangle, maintaining the essential equilibrium.

# MACHINE MATERIAL

MAN

A Machine can be programmed, Material flow can be controlled but Man can not be programmed or controlled in democracy like us.



#### "To expose to danger ,risk, chance of accidents, loss"



A **hazard** is any source of potential damage, harm or adverse health effects on something or someone under certain conditions at work.

"Condition, event, or circumstance that could lead to or contribute to an unplanned or undesirable event."

#### Table 1

#### **Examples of Hazards and Their Effects**

Workplace Hazard	Example of Hazard	Example of Harm Caused
Thing	Knife	Cut
Substance	Benzene	Leukemia
Materia	Asbestos	Mesothelioma
Source of Energy	Electricity	Shock, electrocution
Condition	Wet floor	Slips, falls
Process	Welding	Metal fume fever
Practice	Hard rock mining	Silicosis

# Types of Hazard

- Physical
- Chemical
- Biological
- Ergonomics

# **Physical Hazards**

- Noise
- Vibration
- Radiation
- Temperature
- Pressure, Velocity, Height
- Electricity
- Physical characteristics







# **Chemical Hazards**

- Explosives
- Flammable liquids
- Corrosives
- Oxidizing materials
- Toxic, carcinogenic, substances
- Gases and air particulate





# **Biological Hazards**

- Biological wastes (blood, fluids, etc.)
- Drugs (antibiotics & others)
- Viruses, bacteria
- Parasites, insects
- Poisonous or diseased plants, animals



## **Ergonomic Hazards**

- Physical
- Environmental
- Psycho-Social

# Ergonomic Hazards Physical

- Poor work, task design
- Repetitive motion
- Prolonged sitting
- Poor layout
- Poor posture
- Improper lifting and handling





# **Ergonomic Hazards**

### Environmental

- Poor lighting,glare
- Poor ventilation
- Poor temperature control
- Poor humidity control

**Ergonomic Hazards** 

### **Psycho-social**

- Work rest cycles
- Violence, discrimination
- Extraneous stress
- Un even work load
- Lack of personnel space
- Poor inter staff relationships



#### "A possibility of danger or harm"



### What is risk?

**Risk** is the chance or probability that a person will be harmed or experience an adverse health effect if exposed to a hazard. It may also apply to situations with property or equipment loss.

### A Simple Risk Assessment

### $\mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{P}) \times (\mathbf{S})$

#### R = Risk

**P** = **Probability of occurrence / Likelihood** 

**S** = Severity of effect (consequence)

#### Difference between Risk & Hazard

The term "risk" is often confused with "hazard". A high voltage power supply, a sample of radioactive material, or a toxic chemical may present a hazard, meaning that they present the potential for harm.

Risk indicates probability of hazard causing the harm.

### HAZARD

Anything that can cause harm (eg. a chemical, electricity, ladders, etc) RISK How great the chance that someone will be harmed by the hazard

It is thus evident that hazards are something we can do little about. The hazards posed by a carcinogen, a concentrated acid or an explosive substance are inherent properties of the material. The risks they pose, however, can be (and should be!) minimized by initially preparing a suitable risk assessment, and then by following the procedures laid down in that assessment.



#### A quality or condition of being safe from "danger, Injury, damage, loss, accidents"



### WHAT IS SAFETY ?

#### **IS IT FREEDOM FROM ACCIDENTS** ??

#### **IS IT REDUCTION OF ACCIDENTS** ??

#### IS IT ALL ABOUT COMPLIANCE OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS ??



### **INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MEANS**

# CONTROL OF HAZARDS BY ABIDANCE TO BEST PRACTICES.

### DEGREE OF PROTECTION OF HAZARDS.

CAN IT BE 100% ??

# ANSWER TO THIS DEPENDS UPON THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM **HAZARD**

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#### BASIC & INTRINSIC PROPERTY BY VIRTUE OF WHICH SOME THING OR SITUATION CAN CAUSE LOSS OR HARM.

THIS PROPERTY BEING INTRINSIC, CAN NOT BE CHANGED.

**OUR KNOWLEDGE IS LIMITED BY EXPERIENCE.** 

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### HAZARD

As our knowledge increases with experience we try to apply better controls as well.

Due to our limited knowledge we are constrained from using the term 100% safe. Hence we can say:

Complete freedom from accidents is not possible.

Safety does not mean Zero Accident.

### HAZARD CONTROL HIERARCHY

- ELIMINATION
- SUBSTITUTION
- > ENGINEERING CONTROL
- > ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL
- > PPE'S

# **BEST PRACTICES**

✓ NATIONAL STANDARDS : BIS, OISD, TAC.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS : ILO,API,UL,NFPA,EN,OSHA,NIOSH

 MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS: ISO,OHSAS,DUPONT,BSC 5 STAR

**STATUTES – VARIOUS ACTS & RULES** 

✓ BENCHMARKING

### WHY SAFETY IS REQUIRED ?

#### **MORAL ARGUMENTS –**

Obligation, Duty Of Care Fatalities/Disabilities

SOCIAL ARGUMENTS

Loss to Society Sufferings LEGAL ARGUMENTS

Labour Laws Penalty/Closure

FINANCIAL ARGUMENTS

Direct Cost Indirect Cost

### INCIDENT

An event that could or does result in unintended harm to people and /or damage to property and/or environment.

Incidents are divided into two categories.

#### INCIDENT

#### NO LOSS

#### NEAR-MISS (No Loss-Type Incident)

#### **RESULTING IN LOSS**

#### ACCIDENT (Loss-Type Incident)

- Facility or Injury
- II health
- Property Damage
- Environmental Damage
- Process Disruption
- Disturbance
- etc.

- A near-miss is an unplanned event that did not result in injury, ill health or damage, but had the potential to do so. Only a fortunate break in the chain of events prevented a loss. Nearmiss is smaller in size and easier to deal with, and it is a cheaper - in fact, almost zero cost - learning tool than learning from actual loss.

#### WHAT IS ACCIDENT

AN UNINTENDED, UNPLANNED EVENT WHICH HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE HARM OR INJURY.

AN INCIDENT WHICH CAUSES HARM OR HAS POTENTIAL TO DO SO.

- 1. ACCIDENT incidents that do cause harm or damage. These are often called LOSS-TYPE INCIDENTS.
- 2. NEAR-MISS or NEAR-ACCIDENT incidents that could have caused harm or damage but did not. These types of incidents are often called NO-LOSS INCIDENTS.
- Clearly, an event is called a near-miss when meeting the elements below:
- It is an event as a result of a contact with a substance or a source of energy.
- The event is **unplanned** or **undesired**.
- The event could have caused harm to people and/or damage to property but did not.

### HEINRICH THEORY OF ACCIDENT CAUSATION

INJURY IS THE RESULT OF COMPLETION OF 5 DOMINOS

- **1**. Social Environment.
- 2. Fault of the person
- 3. Unsafe Action / Unsafe Condition
- 4. Accident
- 5. Injury

Domino no-3 i.e. Unsafe Acts & Unsafe conditions are the main contributory factor for accident causation.

Unsafe Acts – 88%

Unsafe Conditions – 10%

Others – 2%

It indicates that 98% of accidents can be prevented.

H.W.Henriech- Analysis of 75000 accidents in 1931 Theories of Accident Causation



- 600
- •The above figures are averages. Injury can occur the first time also
- •Should analyze root cause of problem than attacking the symptoms

Frank Bird analyzed 1.75 million accidents in 1969

#### **Theories of Accident Causation**



Reporting and investigation of *"No injury accidents*", *"Near misses"* can improve the safety performance of a unit



#### **ACCIDENTS CAUSATION**

### Components



#### **Today's thinking**



- 1. Accidents do not just happen, they are caused
- It is not simply due to human or technological failure, but failure of Management Control Systems
- 3. Accidents are due to uncontrolled events or activities
- 4. It is a mgt. Function to control all events/activities in its physical, technological and human aspects



#### **Causes of Accident**

#### Causes

Direct

#### **Unsafe Act**

Operating without authority Bypassing safety devices Operating at unsafe speed Using wrong tool / equipment Unsafe Placing Unsafe Loading Taking unsafe position or posture Working on dangerous or moving equipment Not using PPE Horse playing at work place etc.

#### Indirect

Unguarded or inadequately guarded machines / equipments Defective conditions of m/c's, equipments, tools etc. Unsafe methods of storing, piling etc. Inadequate or incorrect illumination Inadequate Ventilation Improper House Keeping-- things not at their proper places Unsafe design or construction of machines and equipment etc.

**Unsafe Condition** 

#### **Causes of Accident**

#### **Indirect Causes**

Physiological Unsuitability's

Poor eye sight

Hard to hearing

Intoxicated

Physiological disabled

Psychological Unsuitability's

Negative attitude towards safety

Ignorance of safety rules and procedures Frustration & Conflict Morale Individual differences Acclimatization Motivation & aspiration Boredom & monotony Lack of Knowledge & Skill`

# COST OF ACCIDENT

DIRECT COST –

Insurance Claims Loss of Production or reduced output Product loss or damage Damage (plant, materials, premises) Sickness cover/ sick pay Medical treatment Repairs to plant & equipment Replacement of equipments Compensation Business opportunities, Share prices

### **INDIRECT COST**

- Business interruption
- Product liability
- Loss of orders
- Legal fees/fines/penalties
- Delay in production
- Start up cost
- Increased insurance renewal costs
- > Training replacement
- Cancellation of orders
- Reduced productivity, overtime/additional wages

Loss of profit Loss of corporate image Cost of time spent on - Investigations ✓ Supervisors assisting victim ✓ Workers stopping to discuss the incident Preparation of reports ✓ Attendance on court proceedings ✓ Hospital visits & dealing with relatives

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#### The Cost of Accidents "Iceberg" analogy of costs

#### **Indirect Cost**

- Cost of Lost time
- **Production loss** •
- Over head & • administrative expenses etc.

Beware of the hilden threat. Identify and reduce Risk!

#### **Direct Cost**

- Compensation
- **Medical Expenses**
- Equipment damage

murky lights of the future.

#### PRINCIPLE OF SAFETY MANAGEMENT

<u>"</u>Unsafe action / Unsafe condition & accidents are only the symptoms of some thing wrong in the safety management systems".

"Safety should be managed like any other company function.

"The key to effective line safety performance is management procedures that fix **ACCOUNTABILITY**".

#### **Reasons for Accident Prevention**



### How to achieve Safety ?

Broadly it is grouped in to 5 Es methods;

- 1 Engineering Process Control
- 2 Enforcement -Rules & Procedures
- 3 Education Training
- 4 Enthusiasm
- 5 Evaluation
- -Behavioral Aspect
- Audit, Mock Drills

**Safety Helmet** is required but **Positive Thoughts** are important **Safety Goggles** are required but **Conscious Vision** is important **Safety Hand Gloves** are required but **Righteous Protective Action** is important **Safety Shoes** are required but **Quick and Safe Steps** are important means **Safety Equipments** are required but Trained, Alert & Safe Man is more important in any Disaster Prevention programme.



A trained workforce alert of hazards,

aware of guards & facilities and also aware of the need to work safely is indeed **an asset** because it is ultimately the safety performance on the shop floor that matters. Hence human touch to all your shop floor policies is an important strategy in any Organisation for a **Total Disaster Prevention Program.**  Here are some dangerous thoughts Do you ever think this way?

- I have been doing this job for years and have not faced an accident yet.
- There is no need for safety glasses because I am only going to be grinding for a few seconds.
- I'll clean it up later.
- I'll stack this in front of the exit and pick it up later.
- Anyone who is able to drive a car can manage to drive any vehicle!
- Why bother about it.



**CHANCES** 

#### Dangerous thoughts, continued..

- The next shift can deal with the overheating- why bother with it now. To take care of it, I would have to stay back.
- I'll leave this on the stairs, so that I remember to take it when I go down.
- Why wear my seatbelt, it's just a few blocks away.
- That's safety-it's not my responsibility.
- Why ask someone how to do this job. I do not want them thinking I am not capable of handling it.





The above thoughts are the kind that could lead to accidents and injuries to ourselves and other people.

Try making safety a habit and apply it at all times. For example, a first aid kit in your vehicle or fire extinguisher in your home adds to safety. At work, make sure you checked all safety aspects before proceeding with a job.





### Don't try to change the people



#### Change the environment i.e. method of working, training, instructions, supervision, inspection & Safety culture to have ZERO tolerance for Accident

# Thank You.....