

The Price of Accidents

Responsible workers always follow the safety program because they know that on-the-job accidents hurt everybody, not just the person injured. Every on-the-job accident has costs. Injured workers lose money when they can't work because workers' compensation doesn't pay 100 percent of their wages.



Productivity Costs

When someone you work with is injured on the job, it can affect you, too. Accidents often affect productivity, which can cause your employer to lose business. When your employer loses money, it can mean layoffs or less money and benefits for workers.

Workers' Compensation Costs

When accidents happen, your employer's workers' compensation insurance premiums go up. The more money spent on insurance, the less money available for wages and other employee benefits.

Job Security Costs

When there's a serious incident, such as a fire or explosion, you may be out of work while the damage is being repaired. Many badly damaged worksites shut down permanently or are taken over by different owners or companies. And workers often lose their jobs when this occurs.

Emotional Costs

When accidents happen, everyone feels stress. You can't perform your best when you're worried about your safety and health. And when coworkers lose their jobs because of a disability, everyone suffers emotionally.

It's worth it to take the time and care to use the right equipment and procedures, wear the right attire and personal protection equipment and follow safe work practices at all times. You must also be alert to the safety needs of your coworkers.

Remember, accidents affect everyone and everyone pays a price. By simply following safe work procedures and making sure your coworkers do the same, you do your part to ensure your own, your coworkers' and your employer's future.