

# Safety First

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Please contact anyone on the committee with any safety questions.

## September Training Topic: Safety Committee Training

The Safety Committee at DON Services prides itself on helping to keep it's members, in-house staff, attendants and consumers safe by keeping them up to date on information that will assist them with safety.

Once a year all members of the safety committee are to take an annual training. This month we did just that. In this newsletter we are going to take you through some of the reasons why a safety committee is so important to our company.

### Five Benefits of a Safety Committee

- Advises Management and Employees about safety issues
- Translates Ideas into Action
- Improves Morale
- Community Reputation
- Reduces the Frequency and Severity of Accidents



## September Training Topic Continued: Safety Committee Training

**Accident Investigation** is a big part of the Safety Committee. This benefits us by helping our employees understand the present hazards in their workplace. Each injury is a serious matter. We do not want any of our employees to believe that on-the-job injuries are a routine part of doing business, they are not. Accident Investigation also helps us to reduce the risk of future injuries. Most accidents happen due to Unsafe Acts and Unsafe Conditions.

**Unsafe Acts**-are actions taken by people that directly cause or contribute to an accident. Two unsafe acts that we see the most in our field are not using proper body mechanics when lifting and transferring and not using personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks, back braces and Hoyer lifts.

**Unsafe Conditions**-are unsatisfactory physical conditions in the workplace environment which would be significant in the cause of an accident. Such conditions could include, throw rugs, cords out in the open, and wet or icy sidewalks, ramps or floors.

When we investigate accidents and discuss them in our meetings along with reviewing new safety topics each month and sharing the information with you, we are contributing to the five benefits of the Safety Committee.

If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding the safety of your workplace please contact any member of the Safety Committee.

### PRIZE TIME!!!

Let's test your knowledge. If you can answer the following question correctly by emailing your answer to **hrockwell@donservices.org** you will be entered into our monthly prize drawing.

### Question?

**What is an example of an unsafe act?**