

PestSure Safety Tips

INSURING THE FUTURE OF PEST CONTROL

A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.

Causes of Unsafe Behavior

Why do we vary from safe work practices? What motivates us to do things that increase our chance of being injured? Many unsafe behaviors can be traced back to one or more of four causes. Those four causes are Unfamiliarity, Hurry, Complacency, and Distraction.

Once we understand what causes us to commit unsafe acts we can begin to recognize and control the causes. Unsafe behaviors can result in an accident the first time someone engages in a specific action, or the accident can happen after the behavior has been repeated and has become habit.

Unfamiliarity

- ✓ Untrained
- ✓ Forgot what you learned
- ✓ Unaware of the risk



To combat unfamiliarity, speak up and get the information you need. Proceed with certainty.

Hurry

- ✓ Taking shortcuts
- ✓ Working too fast

Address your tendency to hurry by performing your duties with steady diligence, not frantic activity. Take time to plan and assess.

Complacency

- ✓ Ignore a process or procedure and do something another way
- ✓ Unconvinced of the value of the process or procedure

Understand that the reason there is a policy or procedure in place is that there are hazards associated with the task. Follow the process completely every time.

Distraction

- ✓ Thinking about one thing while doing something else
- ✓ Multi-tasking can result in distraction

Fight distraction by focusing on the task at hand. Review the potential hazards before beginning and inspect your work area to remove any unsafe conditions immediately.

Recognize and combat the four causes of unsafe acts and you will significantly improve your odds of remaining injury free this year. Be certain that the work habits you develop involve safe work practices.