

PestSure Safety Tips

INSURING THE FUTURE OF PEST CONTROL

A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.

Attitudes and Behaviors

As humans we tend to avoid and dodge pain and death. However, it is common to act in a manner that is a threat to our well-being. There are two main factors that drive this action: lack of knowledge and attitude. The old saying, "What you don't know won't hurt you", is very true and makes sense. What you do know can hurt. This is why safety is so important. Now is a good time to do a self-evaluation on safety, "What is your attitude toward safety?" Looking at safety as a serious issue is significant not only at the workplace but in day-to-day life as well.

Have you ever noticed that people who are happy in life tend to have a positive attitude? It is no secret that this type of person would look at safety as an important part of their daily job. Safety rules and procedures are written to protect workers from harm. They are not set up to make work uncomfortable or inconvenient. Consider the costs that go into safety equipment.

Remember, attitude affects behavior. One worker can affect another either positively or negatively. If you have a positive attitude, odds are you will exhibit safe behavior. A negative attitude can yield unsafe practices, added stress and ultimately, an accident.

To conclude, a positive approach to safety is the best way to avoid an injury or accident. It is an individual concept that has to be taken seriously by each technician. Your job as a pest control technician demands a fast pace. Haste is the cause of many accidents and it is a fact and it will only continue to be an obstacle to a safe environment. Staying positive about safety and being aware of hazards will help combat the daily "rat race" and keep you more secure during your work day.

THINK SAFETY AND ACT SAFETY!