

# IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

We've all heard the saying, "It's the little things that count."

There are many small things that influence our lives, and ignoring them can sometimes have serious consequences -- particularly when it comes to safety.

While we're trained to watch out for the big hazards, it's often the small, overlooked details that can lead to serious injuries. Staying aware of the little things can make a big difference in keeping everyone safe.

## TIPS FOR A SAFER WORKPLACE:

- **SERIOUS INJURY SCENARIOS**
- **FOLLOWING THROUGH ON GOOD INTENTIONS**



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## SERIOUS INJURY SCENARIOS - SMALL HAZARDS, SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

Over a three-month period, a company noticed a spike in workplace accidents. They expected the cause to be major hazards like heavy machinery or working at heights. Surprisingly, the real issue was much smaller. It was minor oversights that were leading to injuries.

When they investigated - they discovered several "minor" hazards were the cause:

- A small oil puddle from a leaking forklift caused a major slip.
- An air hose left on the floor led to trips.
- A ladder placed in front of a door was knocked over, injuring someone.

These incidents show how easily small hazards can turn into big problems.

## GOOD INTENTIONS ARE NOT ENOUGH - FOLLOWING THROUGH IS THE KEY

We often overlook minor issues because they don't seem dangerous. We know how to avoid major hazards when working with energized electrical equipment or safeguarding but we sometimes forget or put off reporting broken tools or cords. And it's the "little things" that can catch us off guard.

- Report minor injuries - even a small cut can become serious if left untreated. Report minor injuries and get first aid treatment.
- Don't ignore small hazards - a quick fix now can prevent a serious injury later.
- Follow through - if you see something unsafe, take action or report it right away.

Paying attention to all potential hazards can help prevent serious injuries for ourselves and our co-workers.

### REMEMBER:

**A safe workplace depends on everyone noticing and addressing the little things. Proactively reporting and taking care of minor hazards is crucial because they matter more than you think.**

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