

# UNSAFE ACTS UNSAFE CONDITIONS

The “Deadly Dozen” are twelve common causes of workplace accidents often resulting from Unsafe Acts and/or Unsafe Conditions - both of which can lead to serious harm.

Unsafe Acts are risky actions by workers such as ignoring safety rules, misusing equipment or rushing through tasks. Unsafe Conditions are hazardous workplace conditions such as poor lighting, slippery floors or broken tools.

Knowing these hazards early can help you spot problems early and prevent accidents. Staying alert and following safety procedures keeps everyone safe.

## KNOW THE DEADLY DOZEN:

- UNSAFE ACTS
- UNSAFE CONDITIONS



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## UNSAFE ACTS:

- Unauthorized use or operation of equipment;
- Failure to secure or tie down materials to prevent unexpected movement;
- Working or operating equipment too fast;
- Failure to issue warnings or signals as required;
- Using defective tools or equipment;
- Removing guards;
- Improperly using tools or equipment;
- Standing in an unsafe place or assuming an improper posture (as in lifting);
- Servicing moving equipment;
- Riding equipment not designed for passengers;
- Horseplay; and
- Failure to wear the proper personal protective equipment.

## UNSAFE CONDITIONS:

- Lack of proper safeguards;
- Lack of proper warning system;
- Fire and explosion hazards;
- Poor housekeeping;
- Unexpected movements;
- Protruding objects such as nails, wire, or other metal items;
- Improper clearance or congestion on catwalks or passageways;
- Poor placement, storage, or arrangement of materials;
- Hazardous tools, equipment, or materials;
- Poor lighting, high noise levels;
- Hazardous atmospheric conditions; and
- Improper personal attire.

**REMEMBER: If you spot any of the risky actions or conditions mentioned above, take steps to fix or avoid them to help protect you and your fellow co-workers from serious accidents.**

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