

52nd NATIONAL SAFETY WEEK CELEBRATION
MARCH 4TH 2023 - NATIONAL SAFETY DAY THEME

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”

~ Benjamin Franklin

Every year, from March 4 to March 10, India observes National Safety Week to increase public awareness of workplace safety issues and to emphasize the value of a safe and healthy workplace. The National Safety Council of India (NSCI) organizes the event, which is observed by businesses, factories, and workplaces all around the nation. National Safety Week's major goal is to raise awareness of the many risks and dangers that exist in the workplace and to instruct employees on how to prevent them.

Since 1971, the National Safety Council of India has been the driving force behind the National Safety Day to commemorate its founding day (4th March). The programme made a big difference in raising safety awareness across all industries. With an appeal to the participating organizations to create specialized activities in accordance with their safety standards, the campaign is comprehensive, all-encompassing, and adaptable.

Objectives:

- To take Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) movement to different parts of the country.
- To achieve participation of major players in different industrial sectors at different levels.
- To promote use of participative approach by employers by involving their employees in SHE activities.
- To promote development of need-based activities, self-compliance with statutory requirements and professional SHE management systems at work places.
- To bring into the fold of voluntary SHE movement sectors, which have not so far been statutorily covered.
- To remind employers, employees and others concerned of their responsibility in making the workplace safer.

The theme for 2023 is **“Our aim – zero harm”**, to achieve "zero harm" in safety, an environment must be created in which all employees may make it home safely at the conclusion of each day. The significance of achieving this objective is growing as more workplace accidents and injuries occur.

Via (Sustainable Development Goals) SDG 3, which aims to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all, the goal of "zero harm" aligns with the SDGs of the United Nations in a significant way.

The goal of "zero harm" contributes to achieving this objective through lowering the frequency of workplace accidents and injuries by fostering safe and healthy work conditions.

Companies need to have a strong safety culture where safety is prioritized in order to attain the goal of "zero harm." In order to establish safe and healthy working environments, companies, employees, and safety specialists must all make a commitment to doing so.

All industry must prioritize safety since a workplace free of accidents encourages team members to work in possibly dangerous environments.

Safety means leading an uninterrupted, healthy life free from harm. To be safe means to be free from harm or the threat of harm. The word "safety" also describes the measures that people take to avoid harm, risk, damage, loss, and pollution. Safety also involves making workplaces healthier through better

working environments. It is the management's responsibility to ensure everyone's safety and a safe workplace.

All undesirable events at work that could result in fatalities, illnesses, injuries, property damage, or other losses must be thoroughly investigated, prevented, and eradicated.

Similar to this, any risks, such as sources or circumstances that could lead to harm or poor health, damage to property, workplace environment, surroundings, neighbors etc., should be identified and protected against with an action plan.

In addition to taking care of safety, other two interconnected factors, namely health (staff well-being) and environment, are also given equal weight and consideration.

Safety, health, and the environment, commonly referred to as SHE, are all interconnected and have an impact on one another.

