52nd NATIONAL SAFETY WEEK CELEBRATION

March 9th 2023 – Why report hazards quickly?

"Our technological powers increase, but the side effects and potential hazards also escalate."

~ Alvin Toffler

A hazard is anything that has the potential to harm or injure people, property, or equipment; a hazard report is an account of any potential risk to the health or safety of any person, property or equipment in the workplace.

There should be as much detail as possible in all reports, including who was involved, what happened, where and when the event occurred, and the reason why it happened. Where available, pictures and videos ought to be added as well.

Reasons to report incidents and hazards:

➢ Helps prevent reoccurrences

Hazards and occurrences of any size matter. The possibility that recurrent failures will be identified and addressed before they turn into more significant ones improves when these accidents and dangers are reported.

➢ Provides greater understanding of safety risks

If more incidents/hazards are recorded, Technical Safety team and the organisation will become more aware of the safety risks and be able to draw more conclusions that may help lower or eliminate their recurrence inside company business and across the province. The information can be used to compare businesses, sectors, provinces, and nations.

➢ Creates lessons learned within the organization and the industry

To encourage stronger safety measures, the reports' material can be disseminated throughout the sector.

➢ Creates a safety-minded culture

Even while company is required to report all accidents and risks to Technical Safety, encouraging all employees to do so can help build a stronger safety culture. Employees will observe how the company responds to these reports, which fosters an improvement culture that may be developed with two-way communication and participation from all parties.

Employees are required to quickly report all work-related incidents and to make sure they are aware with the company's incident reporting process.

When employees report an occurrence as soon as possible, the business may have more time to look into the circumstances and ensure that affected employees receive the necessary medical attention.

Immediately after a work-related incident occurs Employees should:

- Before entering, make sure the area is secure.
- Call local emergency services if necessary.
- If necessary and approved, administer first assistance.
- Not to disturb the scene of the occurrence.
- Take pictures of the accident site, the surrounding area, any property damage, and any equipment that was used.
- Follow the company's internal reporting guidelines and promptly alert the necessary employees to an event.

Any event that is reported promptly in the following ways benefits both the employer and the employee:

- Hazards at work can be quickly identified, remedied, and eliminated.
- Plans for corrective action created in the wake of an incident can aid in lowering the likelihood of future incidents.
- After an injury, Employees have the chance to receive the right care.

Hazard reporting tips:

- Safety hazard should be reported instantly
- Area of hazard should be removed, fixed, blocked & barricaded.
- Be proactive about preventing safety hazards
- Some workplace injuries could be fatal & can affect ability to work & enjoy life
- A minor incident for one can become a major accident for other under ignorance
- Report all safety hazards immediately & follow up until taken care.
- Many accidents can be preceded by close calls & should be considered as warning of incident to happen & should be immediately reported
- An injury free – healthy life is a good life.