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The Deadly Dozen

Accidents never just happen on their own- there is always something that causes the accident. Sometimes there are multiple causes.

If we remove possible causes, we will drastically reduce the chances of an accident. If you learn to recognize common accident causes, you can act before somebody gets hurt.

Accidents are either caused by unsafe acts or unsafe conditions, or some combination of the two.

The Deadly Dozen is a collection of 12 unsafe acts and 12 unsafe conditions that commonly lead to major accidents.

Looking out for the Deadly Dozen can help you and your coworkers stay safe at work.

Unsafe acts cause the majority of workplace injuries.

The Deadly Dozen unsafe acts are:

1. Working or operating equipment too fast (rushing).
2. Unauthorized use of equipment.
3. Failure to secure materials to prevent unexpected movement.
4. Failure to post required safety warnings or signals.
5. Removing machine guards.
6. Using damaged or defective tools.
7. Using tools or equipment improperly.
8. Standing in an unsafe location.
9. Servicing equipment that is moving or in operation.
10. Riding on equipment while not in a seat.
11. Failure to wear required PPE.
12. Horseplay