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Hazard Hunts: Why They Matter

This alert is to remind all employees of the importance of participating in **Hazard Hunts** and how they directly support a safer, more efficient workplace.

What is a Hazard Hunt?

A **Hazard Hunt** is a focused walkthrough of a work area where employees actively look for unsafe conditions, unsafe behaviors, or potential risks before they turn into incidents. It's a proactive way for all of us, not just safety staff, to identify hazards early and eliminate them quickly.

Why Hazard Hunts Are Important:

1. They Prevent Injuries

By identifying hazards early, we reduce the chance of slips, trips, equipment failures, chemical exposures, and other preventable incidents.

2. They Improve Situational Awareness

Walking the job with a "hazard-focused eye" helps everyone stay alert to changing conditions and new risks.

3. They Create a Strong Safety Culture

When employees report hazards, it shows engagement and ownership. Hazard Hunts help reinforce that safety is everyone's responsibility.

4. They Reduce Downtime and Costs

Stopping an issue before it becomes an accident saves time, avoids equipment damage, and reduces operational disruptions.

5. They Support Continuous Improvement

Data from Hazard Hunts helps us track trends, focus on high-risk areas, and improve our processes and procedures.



What to Look for During a Hazard Hunt:

- Poor housekeeping (clutter, leaks, blocked walkways, obstructed emergency equipment)
- Guarding or equipment issues
- Chemical storage problems
- Electrical hazards
- Unsafe behaviors or shortcuts
- PPE concerns
- Environmental risks (noise, lightning, temperature extremes)
- Anything that "doesn't look right"



Key Takeaway:

If you **see something, say something**, report it immediately.

Small hazards can become big problems if we ignore them. **Hazard Hunts** keep us **proactive, not reactive**. They help us prevent injuries, strengthen our safety culture, and ensure everyone goes home safe every day.

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