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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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Horseplay

We would like to remind all employees that horseplay can cause someone to be seriously injured and can ultimately result in loss of work for an injured employee; or cause you to lose your job.

- When you are playing around in the workplace, you're not concentrating on your task or the hazards that in can present.
- Directing horseplay at others is even more dangerous. They are not expecting the distraction and could easily have an accident such as **falling** into a moving machine part, **slipping** on the floor, or **dropping** a tool.
- Giving less than full concentration and attention to safety procedures makes you less likely to notice or **account for hazards** until it may be too late.
- Most accidents are caused by unsafe acts—and horseplay itself is an unsafe act.

You can prevent most workplace accidents by being alert to hazards and following safety rules.

You're unable to do either when you indulge in horseplay. Some examples:

- Running, chasing, or pushing can cause slips, trips, falls, and other accidents
- Throwing tools is a frequent cause of injuries.
- Fooling around with PPE can damage it and expose you or another worker to a hazardous substance.
- Speeding or stunt driving with a work equipment can cause it to tip over, hit people or objects, possibly injuring the driver or pedestrians.
- Climbing on or under forklift forks or moving crane parts can cause you to be crushed or pushed.
- Running with a hand truck could spill the load on someone or run over feet.
- Pushing, teasing, or otherwise distracting people working with machinery could cause pinch point or other injuries.

Remember we are a team and must work together to accomplish our tasks safely. Leave the horseplay at the door during working hours and focus on the task at hand.



Report all incidents immediately to the Hotline! 1-855-543-5163

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