



### **Traits of Safety Leaders**

Leadership is not about the attributes of an individual, but rather an individual's behaviors. Just because someone is not charismatic does not mean that they cannot be a safety leader. Safety leaders exhibit a variety of behaviors that, often unintentionally, influence coworkers to improve safety performance, such as:

- Being an example, by knowing and following the rules
- Avoiding complacency for the dangers of the job
- Reporting safety hazards, violations and incidents
- Maintaining open communication with coworkers and management about safety concerns
- Implementing change to improve safety and working conditions
- Encouraging coworkers to exhibit safe behaviors
- Showing coworkers small tokens of appreciation for a safe job well done
- Making coworkers aware that unsafe behavior is unacceptable
- Being involved in safety initiatives and committees

*Remember: "No task is so important that it be done at the risk of Safety."*