



## **Common Sense and Accident Prevention**

Generally speaking, we are not born with common sense, we acquire it throughout life.

- Actually, common sense is really common experience – we learn about life from others' experiences as well as our own.
- Awareness of your environment, self-preservation and concern for your fellow workers are all factors in good common sense.

Contrary to popular opinion, all workers can prevent themselves from getting hurt the vast majority of the time.

- The easy way to avoid pain is to observe how others have taken risks and been injured, rather than learning the hard way – from your own injury!
- That's common sense by learning through others' experiences!

Experts conservatively estimate at least 80% of recordable injuries are caused by unsafe acts on part of employees, and not by unsafe conditions alone.

**Note: By avoiding unsafe acts and keeping your eyes and mind on task, your work will go smoother with less chance for accidents.**

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