Food Service Safety  
Why Do We Have Safety Meetings?

Safety meetings are an opportunity for all employees including management to communicate how a job can be done to prevent an injury or identify a safety problem. They also allow for an exchange of ideas on how to improve the job or task. Safety meetings are beneficial for the new employee as well as the experienced employee. Oftentimes, employees take unrealized shortcuts, putting themselves and possibly others at risk. By demonstrating a task in a safety meeting, established employees are given a refresher on how to do the job safely and new employees are being trained on how to do the job correctly.

If the topic of the meeting is something that you’re familiar with, it’s easy to tune-out and not listen to the information; however, you may be able to add something to the conversation that makes a difference to yourself or someone else. Each of us has a responsibility to participate. Most often, solutions to safety problems are offered by the employee(s) performing the task.

Ninety percent of all accidents result from an unsafe act by an employee and 10% result from unsafe conditions. The safety triangle shows how many times an unsafe act is performed before a significant injury occurs.

By having regular safety meetings and reviewing job tasks and discussing safety issues, we can minimize unsafe acts and conditions and therefore employee injuries.

Store Location #: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

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