

RESPECT FOR JEHOVAH'S VIEW OF SAFETY

Note to the speaker:

Outline to be enthusiastically delivered at the last Service Meeting prior to starting a Kingdom Hall project. Help the audience to appreciate the direct bearing that Jehovah's regard for life and brotherly love should have on their personal view towards safety.

JEHOVAH'S VIEW OF LIFE AND SAFETY (10 min.)

Primarily, a proper regard for safety demonstrates respect for the Giver of life and his sacred view of life.

(Ge 9:3-6; Ex 20:13; De 19:8-10; Ac 15:28, 29)

We all have a personal responsibility toward our brothers and should be genuinely concerned about their welfare. (1Co 10:24)

A serious injury would rob our brothers of the joy of working together. It could even bring bloodguilt. (Nu 35:22-25)

Many are not experienced construction volunteers and may not be familiar with the following safety procedures. For others, these points will be good reminders. (2Pe 3:1)

HOW DO YOU PERSONALLY VIEW SAFETY? (7 min.)

Our use of personal protective equipment is an opportunity to demonstrate that we share Jehovah's view of safety. (Describe method for checking out personal protective equipment.)

Hard hats should be worn at all times on the construction site. Will you set the example by doing so?

Safety glasses or goggles should be worn where chipping or grinding is done. Will we show that we value the gift of sight by protecting it?

Experience: One young woodworker, while trying to split a piece of wood, drove the straight claw of his hammer into the wood. When the wood did not split, he picked up another hammer and drove the first hammer deeper into the wood by striking the steel face of the hammer. The result? A loud bang, a sharp pain in his nose, and quite a bit of bleeding. By striking the two hammerheads together the brother had caused a steel explosion. A steel particle, as if fired from a gun, struck him in the nose, missing his eye by about one inch. He was not wearing safety glasses.

Wear dust mask when needed to protect respiratory track.

Appropriate footwear such as work boots is required on site. (Compare Eph 6:15.)

Personal hygiene is essential for the safe preparation and serving of food. (g01 12/22 8-9)

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN A SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT (10 min.)

Tools and equipment should be operated in accord with safe practices.

Do not let electrical cords get wet or damaged. Make sure that tools are either double insulated or grounded. (g85 2/22 26-7)

Do not use defective tools. (Ec 10:10)

Maintain tools in good working order. (De 19:5)

Do not remove or defeat the purpose of safety guards or devices on tools and equipment. (De 22:8)

Do not operate power tools without proper training and authorization. (Ps 19:13)

Work site should reflect good order and arrangement (1Co 14:33, 40)

Keep the site clean and free of trip hazards. Remove nails from discarded lumber. (Isa 62:10; *ip*-2 345)

Do not walk or stand under those working overhead. Use due caution when climbing ladders or scaffolding.

Work together in unity, not racing or competing. (Ps 133:1; Ga 5:26)

Set a good example by avoiding rough or boisterous play.

The work site is for invited congregation volunteers only. Too many people create congestion and unsafe working conditions. Attendants and parents should ensure that children and visitors remain a safe distance from the work area.

If you do not normally do physical work, be careful not to overexert or hurt yourself.

First Aid

Explain first aid arrangements. (Speaker should consult group overseer for details.)

SHOW THAT YOU RESPECT JEHOVAH'S VIEW OF SAFETY (3 min.)

Show in our work on this project, or whatever we are doing, that we have respect for the One who gave us life and for his sacred view of life. (References: g02 2/22 4-7; g99 12/8 31; g77 11/22 16-20)

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