

# Hazard Recognition

In the workplace, we experience many different situations that can be considered hazardous. For the most part, no one would knowingly put themselves in a hazardous operation without proper con-

or physical injury. After a period of time, a reassessment should be done to determine if what has been implemented is effective.

## *Prioritize the hazards*

Your individual understanding

the hazards that occur frequently throughout a job task, coupled with a high chance for severe injury. Refer to the fact sheets on Prioritizing Hazards.

## *Where do you start*

Hazard Recognition, Assessment, and implementing controls for hazards in the work area can be done with a Job Hazard Analysis or JHA. This is a very effective

tool to address hazards in the workplace. Once the JHA is completed, it can be used for training new employees, developing administrative and engineering controls, and support for disciplinary action.

Call or email us if you want more information or guidance on this Hazard Recognition process.

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**Hazards in the workplace are any condition or situation that can cause injury or harm to an employee either physically or mentally.**

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trols. Correcting hazards in the workplace begins with understanding these concepts:

## *Hazard Recognition*

Hazard recognition attempts to identify any hazards associated with a task, environment, action, process or procedure. It is important to understand the actions that we can control as opposed to those we cannot.

## *Assessing Risk*

Risk Assessments examines operations and identifies hazards that could expose employees, clients or products to risk. Can the hazard result in injury, illness property damage or death? Once the hazards are determined, Management needs to find ways to control these hazards to prevent an occurrence of property damage

and acceptance of “what is risky” determines what will be addressed immediately and what will be secondary. This assessment is based upon two variables: the possibility or frequency of risk, and the severity of the risk. The hazards that cause imminent danger to a worker or could result in death should be given top priority to find a solution to eliminate or reduce the chance of an accident. Not far behind are

## Some questions to consider when analyzing a hazard.

- What hazards exist in the workplace have historically contributed to accidents or injuries?
- What controls need to be in place to prevent an accident.
- Can eliminate the hazard from the process.
- If I can't eliminate the hazard, can it be minimized, or contracted out to another entity.

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## About DTRIC Insurance Risk Consulting Services

The Risk Consulting Services team at DTRIC Insurance is designed to help you reduce accidents and injuries in the workplace. Our approach involves our proven **A.I.M.** process that is easy to understand and simple to implement.



### **ANALYZE**

We start by helping you understand and assess your current situation with services including:

- Safety audits
- Property and liability hazard surveys
- Accident investigation training
- Graphical analysis
- Job hazard analysis

### **INFORM**

Keeping your team members informed is essential to success. We'll help you:

- Develop a safety committee
- Provide educational resources
- Work with your management team to develop their skills and knowledge of regulations
- Address loss trends with training on key issues
- Open communications within your organization

### **MOTIVATE**

The more safety is promoted in your workplace, the more motivated your team members will be to make safety a top priority. Whether you motivate with promotions, incentives or recognition, we'll help you develop a results-driven method to encourage safety at all times.

DTRIC's Risk Consulting Services team will work closely with you to create a program to effectively improve your bottom line.