



North Carolina Wing Weekly Safety Blast



2018 - Topic #28 – Four Key Reasons for Injuries

Reason for this Blast:

All of the key items below can be disastrous at home or at work.

➤ Safety Points:

- **Ignorance** – The member doesn't know how to perform a job safely. Maybe the member is new, or was rushed into a job without the proper training.
 - Are there things you do not understand today about how to safely perform your job?
 - What tips can you offer new partners to work safely?
- **Carelessness** – The member makes a careless mistake, causing an accident. There are all too many reasons why a member might act carelessly. The bottom line is: members need to be careful and keep their minds on their work.
 - Could this be failure to follow procedures?
 - Distractions are everywhere, how do we avoid them in the workplace?
- **Negligence** – The member knowingly performs a task in an unsafe manner. This excuse usually means the member simply doesn't want to take the time and effort to work safely. Example – The member knows he needs safety glasses to perform a certain task, but doesn't want to walk back to their car to get their glasses.
 - Who is accountable for this?
 - Who is responsible?
 - Is the answer always the same?
- **Greed** – A tight work schedule, or some other similar reason, can cause a member or supervisor to take a safety "shortcut" and/or perform a task or job in an unsafe manner.
 - The tortoise won the race by being diligent, deliberate, & safe, not by running faster.
 - Are shortcuts acceptable behaviors?

MAIN DISCUSSION POINT OF THIS SAFETY BLAST

How can we effect change in our workplace?