

DON'T TAKE CHANCES

In the construction industry "CHANCE TAKERS" are a dime a dozen-- they are present on every job, creating danger for themselves as well as others. The only difference between chance takers is the size of the gamble they take. Since so many of these chance takers are around, a good tip on how to spot one quickly is to look into a mirror.

Everyone is guilty of taking chances, such as not buckling your seatbelt in a motor vehicle -- you know it makes you safer, but you're too lazy to do it.

How about on the job--have you ever used a ladder that was broken, defective, too short, or not tied off -- scaffolding constructed improperly -- worked without the protection of guardrails -- or not tied off where required?

Have you ever been guilty of overloading a crane, hoist, chain fall, etc. -- or using chockers, chains or ropes that are worn or damaged?

Is the gas can that you use at work and at home OSHA approved?

Do you gamble losing your eyesight by cutting, grinding, chipping, etc. without wearing safety glasses -- damaging your hearing by not using ear protection -- or clogging your lungs because you don't use a respirator?

These are just a few examples of the many chances we all take -- the most important step is to be aware of these types of chances so that you can avoid them in the future.

Every time you take a chance, you either win or lose -- when the chance involves safety there is very little to win, and a whole lot to lose!