

Safety Topics

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Job Safety Analysis, What is it?

Job Safety Analysis (JSA) is a Tool That Can Help Identify Hazards on the Job!

We all need a little something more to do! I have a suggestion about the something more that can benefit **imi** (that is all of us) in our effort to reduce the number of injuries and accidents that occur on the job. That is JSA. JSA is a systematic analysis of each task in a job which identifies potential hazards and provides procedure for workers to follow to avoid the hazards.

Experts will tell you that JSA is a tool for Supervisors or Safety Professionals to use to reduce on-the-job injuries, but in our line of work I think that everyone of us can participate in JSA. After all, very few of us actually sit at a work station and do the same things over and over. Our jobs require that we are mobile and much of the time on our own.

So, what I am asking you to do is to think about your job. Do a JSA. Identify any hazards that are present and either pass along that information to your supervisor or to Terry or me. An example of a JSA that we have attempted to address is slippery surfaces on trucks or other equipment. (I know we are not perfect here, yet.) We have installed additional non-slip surface materials on fenders and steps and built racks to reduce climbing on trucks.

What JSA requires is that you break every job into little bits of activity. Analyze each activity with an eye towards identifying hazards. Develop a solution or procedure to eliminate the hazard and then implement the solution.

Seems simple, yes! I know it is not that simple, but neither is it difficult. It requires honest thought about what you are doing.

Identify a hazard, then identify a solution.

The identification of the hazard is not the only area where your help is needed. We also need help in coming up with good solutions. You are the expert in the job tasks that you perform. But, you do not have to do it alone. Terry or I am available to provide assistance.

Take a Safety Quiz!

TRUE or FALSE

1. Each location of **imi** has a Safety Policy.
2. The Safety Policy includes a Statement of Responsibility and General Safety Rules.
3. **imi** has a written Hazard Communication Policy.
4. The Hazard Communication Policy provides information about the chemicals that we work with.
5. The hazards of chemicals and proper handle instruction are found on the MSDS.
6. We have Confined Spaces at our facilities.
7. Procedures for dealing with Confined Spaces are provided in our Policies Manual.
8. Hard hats, safety glasses, hearing protection, dusk masks, and chemical gloves are provided as needed for the exposure by the Company.
9. Each employee can do a JSA.
10. Every employee is a member of the **imi Safety Committee**.

You should have answered **TRUE** to

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Job Safety Analysis: A best practice for the Workplace
- Next month, October is *National Fire Safety Month*

For what it is Worth!

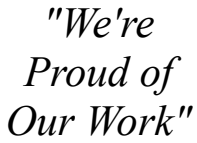
We get a lot of solicitations for OSHA Posters. There are a couple companies that will sell you an all-in-one poster supposedly to satisfy the Federal and State OSHA posting requirements. That is all well and good, but the posters are free from the Government. The poster that we have made also meet the requirements. If you get a solicitation like this, file it in the round file.

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