

Benefits of Safety.

Everyone is responsible for health and safety. A positive safety culture at work will benefit you by keeping you safe, it will also benefit the businesses reputation and growth.

Importance.

An unsafe workplace is a risk to your health, wellbeing, and ultimately to your life. Good safety precautions will benefit your site through reduced accidents and enhance the reputation of the business. Accidents cost lives and money, and most accidents are preventable through safe working practices.

Regulations.

The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 places duties on all persons at work, including employees. Everyone must do their bit to create a safe working environment and accident-free workplace.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 require hazards to be identified and risks assessed.

Guidance.

GOOD PRACTICE

- Comply with safety rules
- Comply with training and instructions
- Be aware of your safety
- Be aware of others safety
- Ask for help if needed

BENEFITS

- Fewer accidents
- Avoiding time off and loss of income
- Higher morale on site
- Fewer accident investigations
- Fewer disciplinary proceedings
- Less disruption on site
- Better health – less pain and suffering

- Less money spent on fines or increased insurance costs
- Better job security

Questions.

1. What are the personal benefits of safety in the workplace?
2. What are the business benefits of safety in the workplace?

Summary.

Everyone benefits from a safe workplace – employees, contractors, clients, the business, visitors and the wider industry. Report to your supervisor if you witness any unsafe behaviour or work practices, or if you are unsure how something can be done safely.