

Do Something Before It's an Injury!

Most Nova Scotians believe there is nothing they can do to make their workplaces safer. Other research shows that most also consider workplace injuries an inevitable part of life. This disturbing suggestion of people's beliefs highlights the culture change that needs to take place.

Safety is everyone's responsibility! Everyone has a part to play in preventing injuries. Employees need to believe they can take action. It could be as simple as spotting and fixing a protruding nail, moving a misplaced bucket, or replacing a broken ladder.

What can you do?

- If you authorized to do so, take initiative to fix something you find unsafe
- Report any condition that you cannot fix to your Supervisor
- Make sure you feel comfortable and know how to do your job safely
- Make sure you know about any hazards or dangers while doing your job, if unsure – ASK!
- Discuss any safety concerns with your Supervisor or a Health & Safety Committee member
- Use the right tools, equipment and materials to do your job and make sure they work properly
- Wear appropriate clothing or equipment for the work you are doing
- Report any work that is demanding and causing any pain to your Supervisor
- Work with your Supervisor to find safe ways to do work
- Participate in job training and information sessions