

Young or old, ...protect yourself!



Dear Colleague,

Inattention is one of the most important causes of accidents at work. Safety has become a hot item in recent years, but all too often the 'why' tends to be ignored. Which is why we would like to focus on the consequences of an accident at work and how they can affect you both professionally and privately.

During March and April we would like to focus on the link between experience and the seriousness of accidents at work. Although the risk of young workers having an accident is considerably higher, the chance of suffering a permanent disability increases greatly with age.

The message therefore is stay alert, everywhere and at all times! Wear the proper PPE, both in the workplace and out. At some stage we have all tripped over a box left lying about, cut ourselves on paper or got something in our eye. Although these are usually very minor accidents, sometimes trivial things can also have serious consequences.



After working for 26 years in the sawmill Dirk was so familiar with his machine that he didn't think it necessary to wear protective equipment. He often said 'safety regulations are for beginners!'. And yes, it was true that it was mainly young colleagues who were involved in an accident. Simply because they did not fully comply with regulations, or were just inexperienced. Fortunately the injuries they suffered were usually quite minor. However one day Dirk also made a mistake and he was just not quick enough for his machine. Since then a younger worker has taken over his job.

Would you like to greatly reduce the chances of you having an accident? Then stay alert and always wear the proper protection equipment! Ask your supervisor if you are not sure which type or model is best for your particular work situation.

Kind regards,

The Management