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Be a Safety Leader

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We don't have to have the title of safety in our job description in order to be a safety leader. Every day we influence the people around us in a positive or negative way by what we say or don't say; and do or don't do. Safety isn't about time it is about choice. Do we take the time that we need in order to promote safety or do we choose to just get the job done no matter what shortcuts will be taken? Being around people who promote and practice safety creates a safer environment for everyone. People who are careless or who don't feel they have time for safety, create an unsafe working environment.

IPSC strives to have all employees promote and practice safety each and every day at work, as well as at home. You are the most important asset the company has, so please strive to always be safe.

New employees at IPSC watch the older employees and take their cues from what is said and done. No matter how much training new employees are given, if the more experienced workers around them are not practicing safe work habits, eventually the new employees will emulate them, putting themselves and possibly others in danger. This is why it is extremely important that all employees think and act safely. Remember that actions speak louder than words.

Don't wait for someone else to step up and lead; make the choice to be that leader. No matter what your position is, you can be a safety leader by quietly doing what's right and by recommending that others do the same. If someone asks your opinion about whether a safety precaution is necessary, be a proponent. You could be saving his/her life. Make sure that you:

- Don't take shortcuts.
- Ask questions if you are not sure about the task you have been given.
- Use guards and safety devices.

- Focus on what you are doing and don't get distracted.
- Be committed to doing every job safely.
- Be willing to talk to another employee if they are doing something unsafe.
- Champion the cause that everyone goes home the same, if not better, than how they came to work.

In order for us to continue to improve the overall safety at IPSC, we all need to do our part in working, promoting, and encouraging safety. Remember that not only your co-workers, but also supervisors and visitors will observe what you do. Sloppy habits reflect a sloppy operation and make a poor impression. Be a safety leader. You will stay safe and you will help others stay safe too.

