

REACHING A LITTLE TOO FAR?

Which of the following “hurry up” facts have you caught yourself doing?

- Skipped wearing safety glasses because the job should only take a few minutes.
- Used the wrong ladder because the proper one was too far away.
- Reached “just a little bit further” on the ladder so you did not have to get down and move it.
- Took a short cut between machinery or stockpiles of materials.
- Used a wrench instead of a hammer because your hammer was in your toolbox on the other side of the room.

Do any of these sound familiar? Maybe a little too familiar? The list of risks is endless. When hurrying on the job, you don't end up speeding up the work you are trying to complete – you are actually just speeding up your chance of having an accident!

Practice safety — don't learn it through accidents.



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Emergency Evacuation What's Your Plan?

How would you escape from your worksite in the event of an emergency? Do you know where all the exit routes are in case your first choice is too crowded or inaccessible? Are you sure doors will be unlocked or that other exits, like hallways, will not be blocked during a fire, explosion or other emergency?

To assist you, consider the following evacuation tips when preparing for and taking action during a workplace emergency.

- Be familiar with the worksite's emergency evacuation plan.
- Know the pathway to at least *two* alternative exits from every room or area at the workplace.
- Recognize the sounds or signaling method of the fire and evacuation alarms.
- Know who to contact in an emergency and how to contact them.
- Know how many desks or cubicles are between your workstation and two of the nearest exits so you can escape in the dark, if necessary.
- Know where the fire and evacuation alarms are located and how to use them.
- Report any damaged or malfunctioning safety systems and back-up systems to your supervisor.

Did You Know?

The famous ride at Disney World, Pirates of the Caribbean, has six emergency evacuation exits, and it takes approximately 35 minutes to get all of the riders off the attraction if it breaks down.