

# Toolbox Talk

## Behaving safely



There are rules, regulations, systems, procedures, codes of practice, standards and training requirements in place to support and govern health and safety in the workplace, but these can only be effective if there is a top-to-bottom and bottom-to-top culture of commitment to safe behaviour at all times. All volunteers need to hold safety as a value, not just a priority. They need to demonstrate this commitment through their behavior in taking responsibility for their own safety, that of co-workers and any other organisations or individuals that may be affected by the work they are undertaking.



### REMEMBER:

**Accidents are caused by unsafe people creating unsafe situations.**

### Benefits of safety:

- Fewer accidents
- less pain and suffering
- less job disruption
- higher morale
- more contented workforce
- fewer accident investigations.
- less work related illness
- identifies dangerous situations.

### What you must do:

- Comply with safety training and instruction and with site rules.
- Avoid the temptation to cut corners to get the job done quicker.
- Be aware of how the job you are doing could affect other people around you.
- Stay away from work if you know you are not fit because of illness, drink, drugs or any other reason.
- Ask your Leader if you have any doubts on safety issues.
- Report to your Leader anyone who you see working or behaving in an unsafe manner.