

The Deadly Dozen

The deadly dozen are twelve conditions and actions that when workers perform or are exposed to greatly increase a worker's chance of injury. Acquainting ourselves with these enemies raises our level of awareness and helps avoid most if not all injuries.

Unsafe Actions

- Unauthorized use or operation of equipment
- **2.** Failure to secure or tie down against unexpected movement
- **3.** Operating or working at an unsafe speed
- 4. Failure to warn or signal as required
- **5.** Removing or making safety devices inoperative
- **6.** Using defective tools or equipment
- 7. Using tools or equipment unsafely
- **8.** Standing in an unsafe place or taking an unsafe posture
- Servicing moving or working equipment
- **10.** Horseplay, distracting, startling, and kidding
- 11. Failure to wear PPE
- **12.** Being outside of designated work area

Unsafe Conditions

- Lack of adequate guards or safety devices
- **2.** Lack of adequate warning systems
- 3. Fire and explosion hazards
- 4. Unexpected moving hazards
- 5. Poor housekeeping
- **6.** Protruding object hazards
- Close clearance and congestion hazards
- 8. Hazardous atmospheric conditions
- **9.** Hazardous arrangement, placement, storage
- **10.** Hazardous defects on tools, equipment, etc.
- **11.** Inadequate illumination, intense noise
- 12. Hazardous personal attire