

100061 Avoid Chemical Exposure

Safety Meeting Agenda:

Plan and Prepare

Refer to the "[Tips For Safety Talks!](#)" for ideas on planning this safety meeting. Read through the article ahead of time to help you with your presentation. Add further questions to those we have provided at the end of this talk.

- Adapt this safety talk to your industry, using examples that illustrate situations your workers might find themselves working or driving near water. Do workers drive as part of their job? Do they operate machinery near lakes, rivers or oceans?
- Does your company have a policy regarding lifejackets and personal flotation devices (PFDs)? Examine the policy and ask staff to discuss whether the policy is effective and if not, why?
- Review company incident reports to see if any are applicable to this talk.
- Look for specific examples of incidents where cold water shock was a factor. Not all cold water deaths involve people working on the water.
- Lifejackets are a proven lifesaver yet workers often don't wear them. Ask workers to think of other safety equipment workers frequently "forget" to wear.
- Will workers consider what they've learned and change the way they work around water? If not, why?
- To help your workers understand the overwhelming effects of cold water shock, remind them of the way they probably felt when they dove into a lake in early summer or had someone dump ice cubes down their necks. They might say the experience "took their breath away."

Ask for any additional comments and questions.

What other safety concerns have come up as a result of the discussion on this topic?

The Meeting

Start your meeting promptly.

Report on any follow-up to safety concerns raised at the previous safety talk:

Ask participants what safety problems they have observed on their jobs since the last meeting:

Determine what action should be taken to fix these safety problems. Write them here and take action before the next meeting:

Read today's topic, and ask the participants to read along in their handouts. Add your own comments to the material, including your own company's procedures.

Answers

1. B 2. B 3. True 4. A 5. False

Thank your group members for their involvement in today's safety meeting.