

Safety Message – Professional Services

At Denver International Airport, safety is a core value in everything that we do. We strive to maintain a positive safety culture and to be proactive in addressing hazards. Our employees are required to report hazards that may cause injury as soon as possible so that they may be corrected – we expect the same from our contractors. At DIA, we are very proud of our safety record – we have reduced employee injuries by over 50 percent since 2010. We want all of our employees, including contractors, to go home in the same condition they arrived at work. Think before you act - we strongly encourage you to think safety on and off the job.

Unsafe behavior is the number one cause of injuries – you can choose to work safely. Remember that your actions have consequences. The number two cause of accidents is unsafe attitudes. An unsafe attitude leads to unsafe behavior. The third leading cause of injuries is unsafe environmental conditions such as slip, trip and fall hazards. Again, these should be reported immediately.

You must take personal responsibility for your safety. Make a conscious decision to be safe and turn your safe thoughts into actions. Safety is ongoing process that requires focus and concentration. You should also take some responsibility to ensure the safety of your co-workers. In a positive way, you should help and assist your fellow employees to work safely. What level of risk is acceptable to you? Saving a few seconds is not worth the cost of a serious injury that may affect you for the rest of your life.

Following are the top ten rules for avoiding accidents:

1. Get help when you need it. Don't be afraid to ask a co-worker for assistance and offer help to others when needed.
2. Know your physical limitations. When you exceed your capabilities you are more likely to be injured.
3. Avoid taking shortcuts. The fastest way may not always be the safest way.
4. Always use the right tools for the job. Inspect tools before using them and plan ahead so you have the right tools on hand when performing a task.
5. Always follow proper safety procedures. If you have questions about safe operating procedures, contact your supervisor or DIA Airport Safety.
6. If you see a hazard, correct it yourself if you can. Don't just walk away and wait for someone else to take action. An injury may occur before anyone thinks to act.
7. Make suggestions to eliminate hazards. If you cannot correct a hazard on the spot, make suggestions on how to correct the hazard.
8. Know what to do in the event of an emergency. Assist others who may not be familiar with emergency procedures.
9. Keep your work area clean and free of clutter. Poor housekeeping may cause injuries.
10. Never operate potentially hazardous equipment without proper instruction. You may hurt yourself or your co-workers and may damage the equipment.

For questions about safety, you may contact DIA Airport Safety. The following staff members will be able to assist you:

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I will have my business cards available after the meeting if you are interested. Thank you.