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Talk No: 44	Title: GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY REFRESHER
Introduction: All persons on site have a legal responsibility for health and safety and to conduct their activities in a safe manner. This duty applies both to yourself and to your workmates.	
Main points: - Safety culture is when people think and act safely even when no-one is looking! - Safety signs don't prevent accidents – safe people and safe systems do! - No system can be safe without the co-operation of all employers and employees. It is a team effort requiring awareness and alertness on the part of everyone. Discussion points: - Know the company's safety policy, including the arrangements. - Use and maintain PPE provided – report any defects immediately. - Do your bit to keep the site tidy, in good order, and safe. - Obey all warning signs. - Never operate plant or equipment unless suitably competent/trained. - Never interfere with the likes of guard-rails, ladders, etc. - Never interfere or misuse safety equipment such as fire extinguishers. - Never throw things from height, always lower properly. - Never take short cuts – they rarely are! - Only ever use authorized access/egress routes. - Store/stack materials sensibly, especially if at height. - Check substances before use – are they hazardous? Inflammable? - Be alert in vicinity of mobile plant. - Be aware of trespassers – if you don't recognize someone, ask them who they are looking for and direct them to the site manager. - Constantly think safety on site. Be on the lookout for unsafe practices, defective equipment, excessive waste build up, etc, and report such to site managers – NEVER turn a blind eye! SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS - ESPECIALLY YOURS!	
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