Fact Sheet #3

Look around your workplace. If you see something that concerns you, ask yourself: Can it hurt me? Can it make me sick?

Use this checklist to help you identify unsafe conditions:

___ Are aisles kept clear at all times?
___ Are machines staffed adequately?
___ Is rolling stock in good working order?
___ Is red-tagged equipment fixed before it is returned to service?
___ Are wires properly contained?
___ Is your workplace clean and free of excessive dust?
___ Is your workplace free of sharp edges?
___ Are restrooms operating properly?
___ Are the restrooms clean?
___ Are employees afforded regular rest breaks and mealtimes?
___ Are emergency exits clearly marked and clear of obstacles?
___ Is the temperature in the building in a normal range?
___ Are fire extinguishers regularly inspected and verified to be in working order?
___ Are you free from exposure to hazardous materials?
___ Does management conduct regular safety talks?
___ Are PS Form 1767s readily available in the workplace?

If the answer to any of the above is “no,” or other unsafe conditions exist, talk to your coworkers and stand together for safe workplaces. Here are some of the things you can do – among others:

• Raise your concerns at Safety Talks.
• Fill out PS Form 1767, Report of Unsafe Conditions.
• Request to see your shop steward.
• Red-tag broken equipment.
• Call OSHA if violations pose a risk of serious harm (1-800-321-OSHA).
• Follow up with management until unsafe conditions are corrected.

Everyone has the right to leave work in one piece.

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR SAFE JOBS!