

## Resolve to be a Safer Supervisor in 2011

When you're responsible for the safety of others, it's important that you regularly review how you're doing and note where you can improve. The New Year is a great time to do that. Here's a quick checklist you can use to evaluate yourself.

A safety conscious supervisor:

- Takes the initiative in telling management about ideas for safer layout of equipment, tools and processes
- Is a professional when it comes to taking care of equipment and keeping it safe
- Knows the value of machine guarding and makes sure that proper guards are provided and used
- Takes pride in knowing how to use the equipment safely
- Knows what PPE is necessary on each job and sees that such PPE is used
- Takes charge of operations that are not routine to make certain that safety precautions are determined and observed
- Arranges for adequate storage
- Practices good housekeeping and makes sure that staff does likewise
- Knows which materials are hazardous and how to handle them safely
- Is an expert on waste disposal for good housekeeping and fire protection
- Keeps an eye open for the worker who may be safer performing a different job
- Continually talks safety and impresses safety on workers
- Works with all persons they oversee without favoritism
- Knows how to get people to work together
- Sets the example in safety
- Understands the value of criticism and praise, and exercises sound judgment in doling them out
- Explains and demonstrates how to do a job safely and observes workers to ensure they do it properly
- Investigates the seemingly unimportant incidents and takes corrective measures
- Keeps everyone informed of the safety policy