

# Spotlight on Safety

## Your Monthly Newsletter

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### Message from your District Manager

I would like to thank the team for your efforts to focus on safety. As a result of your efforts, we have seen a significant reduction in first aid injuries as well as those regarded as OSHA recordable. This accomplishment is clearly the result of your attention to working safely throughout the year. I've personally noticed an enormous improvement in the use of job safety analysis (JSAs). Since we decided to use JSABuilder to document our JSAs, I can see that you clearly understand that by considering what could go wrong and focusing your attention on how to avoid this risk, you can prevent injuries! Because of the importance of JSA's we are focusing this issue on them.

Be safe out there.

– Jane Doe, District Manager

### Something to think about . . .

It's cold and flu season again. With holiday gatherings

and cold weather bringing people inside and into confined areas, germs can spread very easily. Over the next few months, take time to listen to your body's symptoms. Often, you can prevent a small cold from developing further by confronting it early on. Be sure to get plenty of sleep, drink lots of water, and take vitamin C and zinc at the first signs of a cold. Also be sure to wash or sanitize your hands before and after meeting with people, to help prevent the spread of germs. This season can be a great time of bonding with family and friends, but be thoughtful as to how you can help yourself – and your loved ones – enjoy a safe, healthy winter season.

### On the Job

Job Safety Analysis – a method to identify hazards, control these hazards, and prevent injuries

The Job Safety Analysis (JSA), also referred to by some, including the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), as a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA), is a proven and effective technique of focusing on a job or tasks in order to identify hazards and the controls necessary to eliminate or reduce hazards.

Your safety requires a complete understanding of the hazards of each job or task, and implementing the necessary precautions to eliminate or minimize the hazards. At its most basic level, a hazard is considered a condition or activity that, if left unrecognized or uncontrolled, can result in an injury, illness, or even death.


To perform a job safety analysis, you would ask:

- What can go wrong? The worker's hand could come into contact with a rotating object that "catches" it and pulls it into the machine.
- What are the consequences? The worker could receive a severe injury and lose fingers and hands.
- How could it happen? The accident could happen as a result of the worker trying to clear a snag during operations or as part of a maintenance activity while the pulley is operating. Obviously, this hazard scenario could not occur if the pulley is not rotating.
- What are other contributing factors? This hazard occurs very quickly. It does not give the worker much opportunity to recover or prevent it once his hand comes into contact with the pulley. This is an important factor, because it helps you determine the severity and likelihood of an accident when selecting appropriate hazard controls. Unfortunately, experience has shown that training is not very effective in hazard control when triggering events happen quickly because humans can react only so quickly.
- How do I eliminate or control this hazard? What do I need to do to eliminate, reduce, or protect myself and employees from these hazards? Implementing engineered controls, administrative procedures or wearing PPE may be the answer. The JSABuilder will help you with this hazard analysis.

### Additional Resources


[Corporate Bi-weekly communication](http://rmcorporation.com/communication/hssiweeklycommunication/2008/SpotlightResourceSite) <http://rmcorporation.com/communication/hssiweeklycommunication/2008/SpotlightResourceSite> <http://spotlight.dataaccel.com/> (user ID: xxxxxxx, Password: xxxxxxx)

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JSABuilder enables safety professionals, managers, supervisors, foremen, and task leaders to easily perform a job safety analysis. Once created, users can save their work as Adobe® PDF documents to allow for distribution as needed. [JSABuilder Pro Accounts](#) can create a library of JSA's that can easily be modified and updated as needed.

**What is a JSA?**

The Job Safety Analysis (JSA), also referred to by some including, the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), as a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA), or by the Military as an Activity Hazard Analysis (AHA), is a proven and effective technique of focusing on a job or tasks in order to identify hazards and the controls necessary to eliminate or reduce hazards. [Learn more...](#)

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"This is a very useful tool thanks a lot."

