

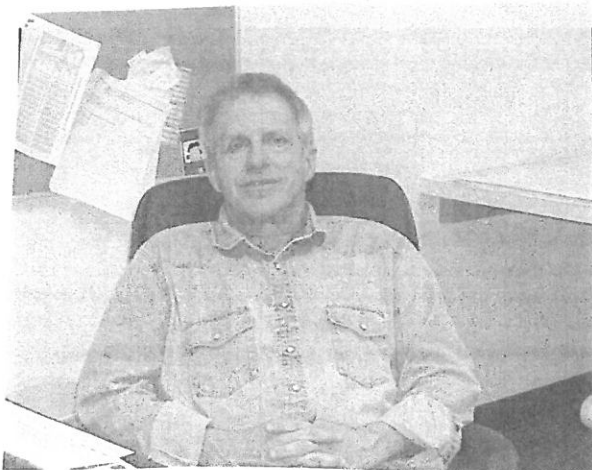
## THERE'S NO "I" IN TEAM!

### Coming Together in the Workplace

You've probably already heard the anecdote "there's no 'I' in team," probably back in grade school when playing a game of dodge ball. Well, this lesson does not stop at age 10—it is just as important to work as a team in a workplace setting as it was back then.

It is even more important to act as a united team when it concerns everyone's safety. A staff that pulls together can safely accomplish whatever they set out to do. To be a team player:

- Ask for assistance. By seeking help from others, you are reducing the risk of accidents by not trying to do something on your own.
- Look out for other coworkers at all times and they will do the same for you.
- Analyze near-accidents carefully so similar incidents do not occur in the future.
- Share your concerns and suggestions with coworkers and your supervisor, and encourage others to do the same.



## Whew! That Was a Close Call!

### The Hidden Meaning in Near-Misses

Have you ever had to slam on your brakes to avoid hitting the car in front of you or catch your balance right before you took a tumble on an icy patch? These are certainly close calls, telling you to wake up and pay attention to your surroundings.

Like the scenarios above, close calls or near-misses on the job should be converted into safety precautions; they are a big red flag that something is wrong, such as a machine is malfunctioning, stock is not stacked adequately or someone has done something unsafe.

Employees just like you can handle these instances in a way that turns near-misses into learning experiences and prevents accidents from occurring.

Think safety and take concern when near-misses occur. Correct the situation, remove the hazards that caused the near accident, and take the time to discuss the hazard and solution with your coworkers and supervisor.

## Did You Know?

The Stanley Cup is the only trophy in professional sports that is passed along from player to player during the summer that the team wins it. Talk about being true comrades in addition to team members!

**It's a pleasure to work for such a great boss man, "Thank you Tom Kirby!"**