**Safety**

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**\*Accidents do not just happen, they are made.**

**I. Working safely and avoiding accidents**

**A. Reasons**

**1. Protect life**

**2. Avoid injury**

**3. Save costly material**

**4. Loss of time**

**5. Avoid inconvenience**

**II. Common Household Accidents**

**A. Lifting**

**1. Lift with your legs and not your back**

**2. Ask for help when lifting heavy objects**

**B. Ladders**

**1. 75 degree angle to the house**

**2. Anti-skid footing**

**3. Never walk a ladder**

**4. Place only on level ground**

**5. Never place in front of a door that might open**

**6. Observe weight ratings**

**C. Tools**

**1. Inspect before use**

**2. Learn proper use**

**3. All guards need to be in working order**

**4. Dull tools are more dangerous than sharp tools**

**5. Remove blades and bits with the power source removed**

**6. Never carry too many tools at once**

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**D. Electricity**

**1. Unseen force**

**2. Inspect cords on tools and appliances**

**3. Always make sure tool is grounded or double insulated**

**4. Do not use outlet strips**

**5. Know where the main breaker shut off is**

**6. Do not cut the third prong off**

**7. Keep cords out of water and solvent**

**E. Fire**

**1. Have extinguishers in garages, kitchens, and laundry rooms**

**2. Know where the main circuit breaker is**

**3. No piled rags or sawdust – Spontaneous Combustion**

**4. Types of fires**

**a. Class A – Combustible material such as wood, paper, and cloth**

**b. Class B – Combustible liquid such as gas and solvents**

**c. Class C – Electrical**

**d. Class D – Combustible metals**

**5. Do not use the wrong fire extinguisher on a fire. It can spread the fire or kill you**

**6. Baking soda works well on small kitchen fires**

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**F. Chemicals**

**1. Lock up all chemicals out of reach of children and animals**

**2. Store in original containers only**

**3. Dispose of chemicals at city collection sites**

**4. Antidotes and medical instructions are generally on containers**

**G. Safety clothing/devices**

**1. Safety glasses**

**2. Ear plugs**

**3. Jewelry removed**

**4. Long sleeved shirts rolled up**

**5. Proper shoes**

**6. First aid kits**

**a. Have in a convenient place**

**b. Keep it well stocked**

**c. Clean out periodically**

**d. Instruction booklet**

**H. Building codes and fire codes**

**1. Done on a local, state, and federal level**

**2. Protects homeowner and occupants**

**3. Vary in different parts of the United States**

**4. Homeowners can generally work on their own home with out a license**

**a. Electrical**

**b. Plumbing**

**5. To work on another person’s home, you have to be licensed**

F:safety notes