Golden Rule for Safety

Nearly everyone has heard of the Golden Rule—**Do unto Others as you Have them Do unto You.** Very few people apply this in their daily living.

You may not agree when we say: “To practice the Golden Rule, even small measure, makes us happy, and helps us in our business and in our general daily life. “ But it is the most practical rule in the world. In serving others, we serve ourselves. People like to deal with those who believe in and practice the Golden Rule. Try it and See!

Now, no doubt, someone is already saying: “Well, what does this have to do with safety?” If each of us would follow a Golden Rule pertaining to safety and actually live with this Golden Rule, our safety record would improve.

One version of the Golden Rule might be stated as “Work as safely with others, as you would have them work with you.” Another might say: “I will follow the safety rules as I would have them followed.”

Whenever you approach safety from this angle, you are right back to our often-discussed subject of Safety Attitudes. A Golden Rule for safety is another way of developing a better mental attitude.

Here a few of the Safety Attitudes we need to know and live by:

- An accident can happen to me at any time, when I take a chance.
- Accidents can **always** be prevented.
- To work safely is a mark of good sense and skill.
- We can always take the time to work safely.
- If I practice safety, my co-workers will think well of me.

**Safety is everyone’s responsibility. It is a commandment within itself. It is based upon deliberation, not upon instinct. It must be followed, whether you are at home, on the road, on vacation, or at work.**