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A Weekly Safety Newsletter For Medical Transport Professionals

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Safety Starts At The Top



The February 2009 cover of the National Safety Council's "Safety + Health" has a picture of the 2009 Green Cross for Safety Medal winner. This award was established in 1999 and is intended to recognize "organizations and their leaders for outstanding achievements in safety and health, and for responsible citizenship." To be considered, "an organization and its leadership must demonstrate a superior record in advancing safety and health practices consistent with the mission of the National Safety Council."

CEOs who "get it" are often asked the following questions in interviews regarding Safety. Use them for your own discussion points; it's best to involve everybody. One salient theme throughout interviews was that an unsafe organization started with one person engaging in unsafe behaviors.



- What is the relationship between safety and quality?
- Can you be unsafe and profitable?
- How does safety pay?
- What does safety leadership mean?
- Why is safety a core value?
- Does your organization instill a sense of safety in every member of the organization every day?
- How do you measure safety? How do you know how safe you are?
- How can you make your organization safer?
- Is off-the-job safety part of your safety program?
- What is the biggest obstacle to safety? How do you overcome it?
- Is your Safety Program Guided by Committed Leadership and Driven by Employees?
- Does your Safety Program tie into each activity required to generate income so that your Basics are Done Well?
- Does your Safety Culture allow your personnel to Recognize and Manage Risks?

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