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Basic Idea

- Hazard and risk management is the process of identifying dangerous conditions and evaluating how likely they are to cause harm, followed by applying measures to reduce or eliminate the risk.



Key Definitions

1. Hazard

- A hazard is anything that has the potential to cause harm such as chemicals, machines, fire, or electricity.

2. Risk

- Risk is the probability that a hazard will cause harm and the severity of that harm.

Process of Risk Management

A. Hazard Identification

- Identifying all possible sources of harm in the workplace.

B. Risk Assessment

- Evaluating how likely the hazard is to occur and how severe the outcome will be.

C. Risk Control

- Applying safety measures to eliminate or reduce risk.

D. Monitoring and Review

- Regularly checking safety measures and updating them when needed.

Importance

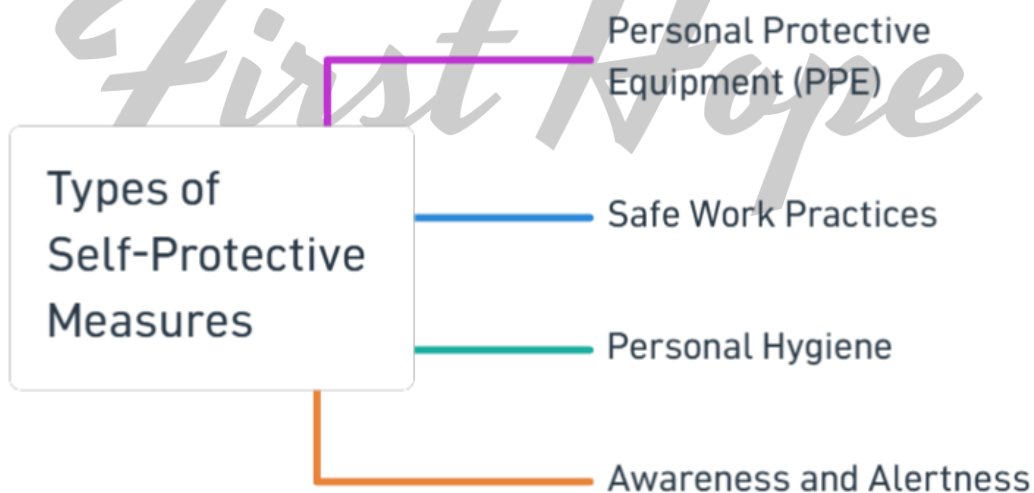
- Prevents workplace accidents and injuries.
- Improves safety culture in industries.
- Ensures compliance with safety regulations.

Self-Protective Measures Against Workplace Hazards

Basic Idea

- Self-protective measures are actions taken by individuals to protect themselves from workplace hazards using personal safety practices and protective equipment.

Types of Self-Protective Measures



A. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Includes gloves, masks, goggles, helmets, lab coats, and safety shoes.
- PPE acts as a barrier between the worker and the hazard.

B. Safe Work Practices

- Following standard operating procedures during all tasks.
- Avoiding unsafe shortcuts in handling chemicals or equipment.

C. Personal Hygiene

- Washing hands after handling chemicals or biological materials.
- Avoiding eating or drinking in hazardous areas.

D. Awareness and Alertness

- Being aware of warning signs and hazard labels.
- Reporting unsafe conditions immediately.

Importance

- Reduces direct exposure to hazards.
- Prevents injuries and occupational diseases.
- Supports overall workplace safety systems.

Critical Training for Risk Management

Basic Idea

- Critical training for risk management focuses on preparing workers to identify risks, respond to emergencies, and follow safety procedures effectively in hazardous environments.

Key Areas of Training

1. Hazard Identification Training

- Workers learn how to recognize chemical, physical, and biological hazards.

2. Emergency Response Training

- Training on fire safety, chemical spills, and evacuation procedures.

3. Use of Safety Equipment

- Proper use of PPE and safety devices like fire extinguishers and alarms.

4. Incident Reporting

- Training on how to report accidents, near misses, and unsafe conditions.

Methods of Training

- Classroom lectures and safety demonstrations.
- Hands-on practical drills and simulations.
- Safety workshops and refresher programs.
- On-the-job training under supervision.

Importance

- Improves quick and correct response during emergencies.
- Reduces workplace accidents and errors.
- Builds safety awareness among employees.

Process of Hazard Management

Basic Idea

- The process of hazard management is a structured method used to identify hazards, analyze risks, and apply control measures to ensure safety in workplaces such as pharmaceutical industries, laboratories, and chemical plants.

Steps in Hazard Management Process

Hazard Management Process



1. Hazard Identification

- Hazard identification is the first step in which all possible sources of harm are identified in the workplace.

Examples

- Chemical spills and leaks
- Fire and explosion risks
- Electrical faults
- Mechanical equipment failures

Importance

- Helps in understanding what can go wrong.
- Forms the basis for all safety planning.

2. Risk Assessment

- Risk assessment is the process of evaluating how likely a hazard is to cause harm and how severe the harm could be.

Key Points

- Likelihood of occurrence is analyzed.
- Severity of consequences is evaluated.

- Risk level is categorized as low, medium, or high.

Importance

- Helps prioritize which risks need immediate attention.
- Supports decision making for safety measures.

3. Risk Control

- Risk control involves applying measures to eliminate or reduce risks to an acceptable level.

Control Methods

1. Elimination

- Removing the hazard completely.

2. Substitution

- Replacing hazardous materials with safer alternatives.

3. Engineering Controls

- Using safety equipment like fume hoods and ventilation systems.

4. Administrative Controls

- Implementing safety rules, training, and procedures.

5. Personal Protective Equipment

- Using gloves, masks, and protective clothing.

Importance

- Reduces the chance of accidents and exposure.
- Improves workplace safety conditions.

4. Monitoring and Review

- Monitoring and review ensure that safety measures remain effective over time.

Key Activities

- Regular safety inspections
- Reviewing accident reports
- Updating safety procedures
- Conducting audits

Importance

- Ensures continuous improvement in safety.
- Helps identify new hazards.



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