

SAFE PRACTICES

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

*Being an orderly presentation in loose-leaf form
of accident hazards and the best practices for their elimination.*

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Announcement

INFORMATIONAL SERIES ON SAFE PRACTICES.

The National Safety Council was established to help free mankind from accidents, and, to that end, to gather to itself as members all those concerned and interested in the Safety Movement, and to bring about an understanding of accident causes and find and apply remedial measures.

The field has been new and the various services rendered have met the need, in so far as the Council's modest income from its nominal fees, its experience and the experience of its members, have permitted. The time has now come when the pioneering period has partially passed and our accumulated experiences permit, and the awakening needs require, that the great amount of collected and obtainable Safety information be put into concrete and popular form for the benefit of the cause.

The Executive Committee has, therefore, decided to compile the best information obtainable about Safe Practices of all kinds and to present same in a logical and orderly form. It is hoped it will become an encyclopedia of information on all phases of the subject. It is fully realized that this is a very large undertaking, but this need not deter us if the accomplishment is necessary to the progress of the Council's purpose and its service to its members. The Council will simply do the best it can with such a large and important subject, relying upon the co-operation of the members for the success of the plan.

The gathering and compiling of data will have to be sectionalized to cover the field.

This work will have three phases, founded on the idea that the Council is a co-operative clearing-house of information. The plan must be laid out wisely and broadly enough to meet the situation, and the Council's disinterested position puts it in the unique way of enabling it to get fullest information from all sources and give this great service to the cause and to mankind.

FIRST: The National Safety Council requests all of its members to send it, as they can, full information about all their accident prevention problems and their respective Safety Practices. *Would you, Mr. Safety Man, like to have all the hazards of your own particular industry covered and presented in the same form as shown by the attached sample of this work? Insofar as it is possible, the Council will, in the same thorough manner, cover the entire field of accident prevention—if you will help us do it.*

SECOND: The National Safety Council will, from information so received or otherwise gathered, rough out a compilation of the best Safe Practices on each subject as rapidly as it can arrange them, and it will then submit the same to those best informed on the specific problems involved, with the request that they make all possible suggestions and improvements—to see that the information is correct and complete.

THIRD: The National Safety Council will issue the completed material to its members on the most economical basis possible. The attached sheets will show what is intended.

The work will be handled in loose-leaf form and thus be open to constant improvement and addition, as the Council's information and the development of Safe Practices will permit. A temporary binder is herewith sent to each member to bind the sheets of this encyclopedic work for orderly preservation and reference. The Council will furnish each member a better binder made of fibre board at a cost of 50 cents. These binders are now ready for delivery. Indices will be issued from time to time to facilitate ready reference.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DESIRES TO CALL PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THIS IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO FIND, COMPILE OR DECIDE STANDARDS. The compilation of standards is difficult and fraught with conditions that it would seem unnecessary for the Council to assume. The work of the Council would seem to be best served by stating as clearly as possible the particular accident prevention problem involved and the common and best known practice for its solution. The minimum and maximum practices will be stated, when desirable, and insurance company and state and local requirements clearly given when practicable. This presentation will be an invaluable aid to the beginner in Safety work and a valuable reference to the veteran.

Congratulating the membership that the National Safety Council has reached the point of rendering such an important service for the good of the cause and feeling sure of the co-operation of all toward its success,

Yours for Safety, through service,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL.

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