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Camp Staff Safety and Health

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Food for Thought:

- Every year in the United States, nearly **70 teenagers under age 18 die** from work-related injuries
- Another **77,000** teen workers are hurt badly enough every year to end up in hospital emergency rooms
- Overall, more than **5,000** people die each year from on-the-job injuries and **4.4 million** more suffer from injuries and illnesses

Examples of Teen Work Injuries:

Antonio's Story

Job: Construction helper

Injury: Fell from roof

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented Antonio from being injured?



If You are Hurt on the Job

- **Report injuries** to your supervisor **immediately**
- **Seek medical attention**
- **If the injury is not an emergency, you will be sent to the health lodge or to a designated medical provider**
- **Communicate questions or concerns to your supervisor**
- **Participate in modified duty**

Direct and Indirect Cost of Accidents

Direct Costs Include:

Medical Costs

Lost Wages

Insurance Premiums

Indirect Costs Include:

Training New Employees

Replacement Employees

Legal Fees

Increase Insurance Costs

Damaged Equipment

Unhappy campers

Clean-up Time

Schedule Delays

On average, indirect costs are 3 to 5 times direct costs

The “True Costs of Injury”

Example workers compensation claim for camp employee:

- **Trip & fall while hiking/canoeing/lifting**

■ Direct costs	=	\$ 1,623	
■ Indirect costs	=	<u>4,869</u>	(3:1)
■ True costs	=	\$ 6,492	

- How many **tents**, **canoes** or other gear could the council have purchased if this injury was prevented?



Finding Hazards: Key Points

- Every job has health and safety hazards
- You should always be aware of these hazards
- If you are **unsure** about something, **ask** your supervisor – **don't assume**
- If you can, correct any hazards
- Find out about chemicals at work by checking labels, reading SDS and getting training



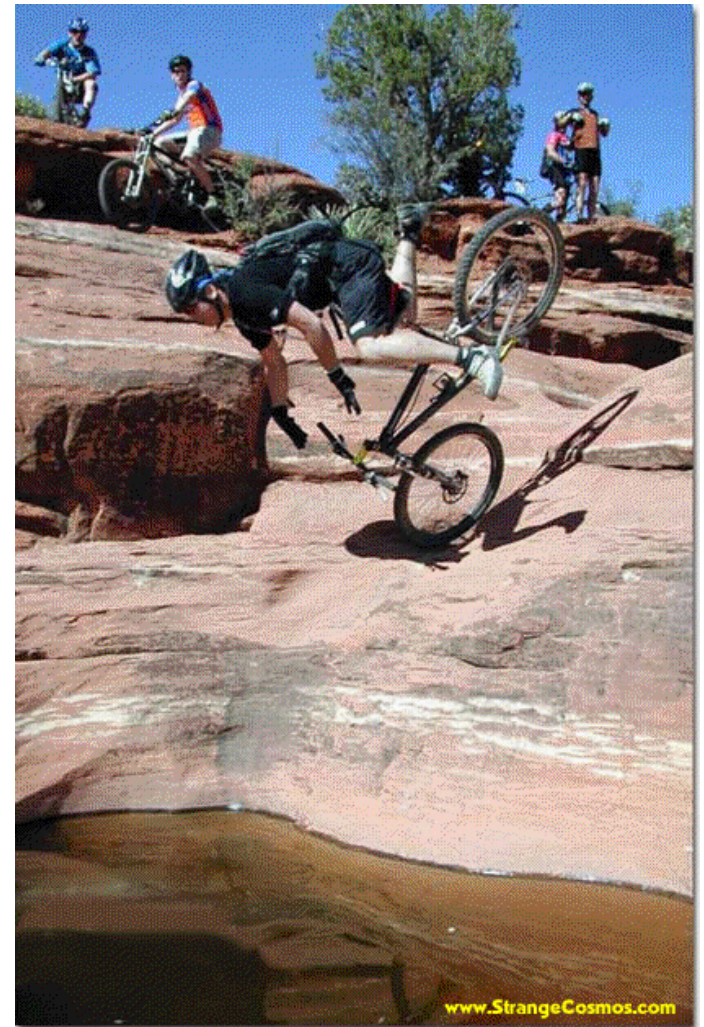
Job Hazards

A **job hazard** is anything at work that can **hurt you** either physically or mentally.

- Safety hazards: *knives, machinery, uneven terrain, etc.*
- Chemical hazards: *dusts, gases, vapors*
- Biological hazards: *snakes, bugs, animals*
- Other health hazards: *noise, radiation, repetitive movements, heat, cold, stress*

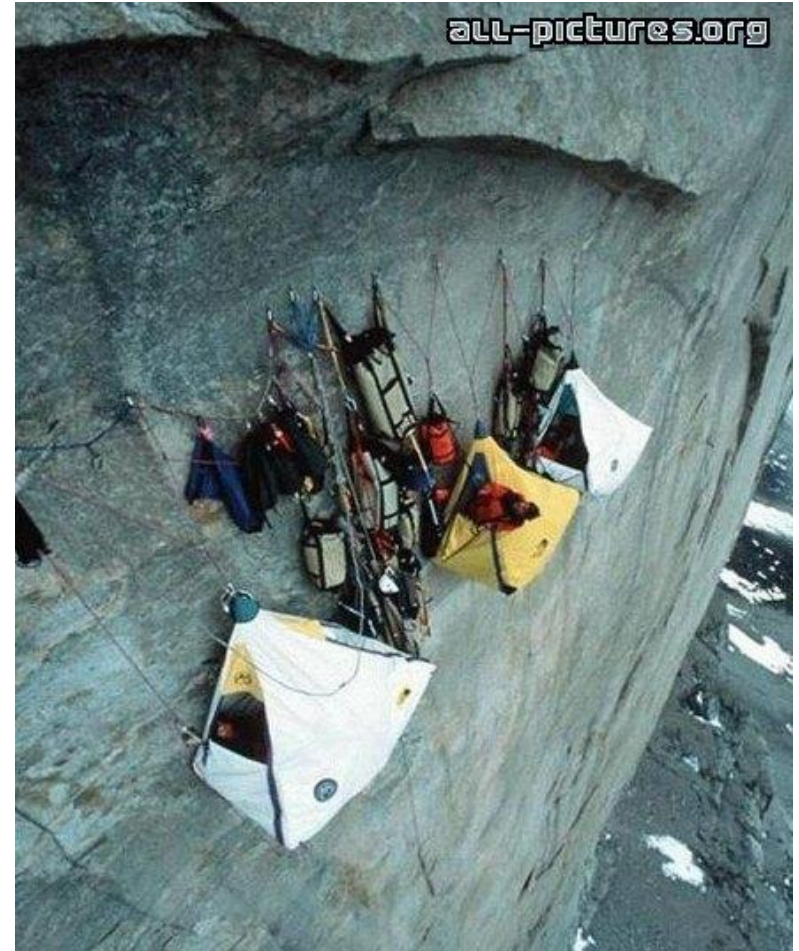
Common Hazards for BSA Activities

- Vehicle accidents
- Cardiac problems (adults)
- Slips/Trips and Falls
- Aquatics
- Weather Hazards



Common Workers Compensation Injuries at Camp

- Injuries due to terrain
- Struck by objects
- Animal and insect bites
- Slips, trips and falls
- Back injury/lifting
- Strains and sprains



Group Activity – What are the Hazards?

- List the camp areas that present health and safety hazards
- How might each of these hazards be avoided?
- Correct a potential hazard



Injury Prevention

- Follow safety rules
- Bring safety hazards to your supervisor's attention
- Correct hazards when you see them
- Don't operate equipment you have not been trained to use
- Watch out for each other
- Have fun but **no horseplay!**



Vehicle Safety

- Only **authorized drivers** to drive camp vehicles
- **Seat belts** must be worn at all times
- No use of cell phones while driving
- No riding in the back of pickup trucks
- No riding on tractors or other equipment
- Use mirrors and a spotter when backing



Outdoor Safety

- Wear **sunscreen** and **hat**
- Drink plenty of **water**
- Wear proper footwear
- Wear **insect repellent**, long pants, shirt when possible
- Watch for **lightning**, seek shelter in bad weather



Summary

- Injury prevention is part of **your** job
- **Report injuries** immediately, no matter how minor
- Report or correct any hazards you see
- Watch out for each other