

the value of the practice of safety. The child, relying on his memory to guide him home, marks carefully the signposts along the way. Similarly, we must exercise presence of mind on the job as well as on the highway and at home in order that we might recognize the signposts of safety and avoid the pitfalls of accidental injury—hazards.

The rules of safety are easy to understand because they follow in close parallel the law of self-preservation. It is not difficult to maintain a desire among ourselves to live and enjoy our well-being; however, there are two factors which are just as damaging to general safety as erosion is to the soil, or the most powerful chemical is to the finest fabric. Those factors are indifference and failure to keep our minds on what we are doing, whether at work or at play.

With the elimination of these two factors, safety isn't difficult. However, the most safety conscious of the best of us is susceptible to the results of indifference and thoughtlessness in the worst of us.

The problem, then, in safety is cooperation. Safety isn't difficult. Let's put a new look on our attitude and work together as a team for safety.

Flammable vs. Inflammable

The inconsistencies of the English language have long been a source of irritation to students of the subject. Now, these same annoyances may indirectly be the cause of fire hazards.

The Greater New York Safety Council reports that many housewives have been under the impression that the word inflammable means nonflammable and, thus, have been none too careful in handling certain canned or bottled fluids which are easily ignited. Crux of the problem rests in the general belief that the prefix "in" always means not. For greater home safety, the Council and other groups have been urging the use of the words flammable and nonflammable and elimination of the word inflammable to avoid such misunderstandings.

National organizations working on fire prevention standards, such as the

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