Increased focus on safety at NCC helps to reduce accidents

An increased focus on safety at NCC has helped to reduce the number of worksite accidents. The number of worksite accidents has been halved in the past six years. Today, the importance of safety will be discussed during Awareness Day at all NCC worksites.

“The number of worksite accidents at NCC has decreased by 47 percent during the last six years. Last autumn, we unfortunately noted an increase in fall accidents in particular. We have successfully reversed this trend and have intensified our safety focus through a series of measures,” says Lars-Gunnar Larsson, Group Work Environment Manager at NCC.

These measures include compulsory daily safety briefings, new, safer, hi-vis helmets with chin straps, time out and a new model for managers’ health and safety follow-up.

This is the seventh consecutive year that NCC is arranging Awareness Day and the theme for this year is the importance of daily safety briefings. Tools are downed at 9:00 a.m. at all NCC worksites in all markets. A Group-wide discussion is held at the worksite with everyone given the opportunity to put forward thoughts and ideas on how the worksite can be made even safer, at both a physical and psychosocial level, and what each individual can do.

A daily safety briefing is a short meeting held by each team at the start of its working day. During the meeting, the team goes through the work tasks to be completed during the day, the risks and how to ensure safety.

“NCC has a vision zero for accidents and a daily safety briefing is one instrument to further raise safety to prevent anyone from injuring themselves at work,” says Peter Wågström, President and CEO of NCC.

To encourage employees to focus more on safety in the workplace, to increase awareness of the risks and at the same time to identify more ideas about how NCC can work safely, NCC held the “Pioneering Safety” competition in the spring. The winner was NCC SafeSite, chosen from the many proposals received. It concerns how we can transfer and use the successful NCC ViaSafe concept for securing road workplaces at NCC’s construction sites. The concept includes everything from proactive consultation, training, digitization and product development to handling barriers, signage, safety devices and follow-up in close cooperation with the health and safety organization.

“Traffic environments at our worksites is one of our high-risk areas. A great challenge is to separate traffic from people and ViaSafe has been a successful concept in roadworks. The jury believes this is a major opportunity for an NCC-wide solution to also make our workplaces safe,” says Lars-Gunnar Larsson, a member of the competition jury and NCC’s Group Work Environment Manager.
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