

# Safety is Just Common Sense?

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June is National Safety Month and the National Safety Council's theme this year is "no one gets hurt." It's indeed a great theme for that is what we all want. We don't want to get hurt at work and we certainly don't want to get hurt at home. We don't want our family to get hurt at work or school, and indeed we don't want our family to get hurt at home.

So, what can we do to make that happen? What can we do to make sure no one gets hurt? It's not a simple answer. It takes effort and action.

Yet, too often I hear the phrase, "safety is just common sense." It's often bothered me for it is much bigger than that. And, then I came across this quote and it rings true.

*"Anyone who believes that they have common sense  
has simply forgotten who taught them what they know."*

*Alan Quilley*

Yes! Someone along the way taught you something about being safe. And overtime, it became just the way you would do things and it blended into your world so much that it seemed like common sense to just do it that way. It started with that "someone". So, think back over your years of past.

- Who taught you how to drive a vehicle?
- Who taught you how to operate a chain saw?
- Who taught you how to fish?
- Who taught you what to do when a power line is on the ground?
- Who taught you to look up when moving equipment around power lines?
- Who taught your children about electrical safety in school?



It was that "someone" who doesn't want to see you get hurt.

Safety isn't common sense. Safety is having compassion and actively caring for each other, whether it is your family, your co-workers, and yes, even your grumpy neighbor. It is working together with your co-op to keep electricity safe. It's working together with your teachers to keep schools safe. It's working together with your community to keep that safe. And, it takes someone. So, take a moment to teach someone about safety for then we can make sure no one gets hurt.

Think safety; act safely!