

# Accident Prevention

G&W Safety First Bulletin

## Injury Summary: March

These injuries occurred on properties throughout the G&W system. They could be anywhere, even at YOUR location. What steps will YOU take to help make your workplace safer for everyone?	SR	3/1	Conductor sustained broken leg after falling from car.	R
	RL	3/7	Employee felt slight discomfort in lower back while prepping car floor for paper loading. Treated and released with no restrictions.	NR
	CA	3/15	Mechanical employee dropped pipe wrench on foot, was treated and released with no restrictions.	NR

## Spring is here

A harsh winter is now a memory for many of G&W's North American railroads. However, just because walkways and ballast are free of snow and ice does not mean your yard or work area is free of hazards.



A thorough job briefing and situational awareness are paramount to safety 365 days a year. Briefings alert employees of hazardous conditions and how to avoid or protect against

them. To properly practice situational awareness, know who surrounds you and what they are doing. Be 100% aware of your environment, 100% of the time.

Following the winter, many yards may be in need of "spring cleaning." If possible, please stop to pick up and dispose of any trash that may have found its way onto the ground, as it could cause a slip, trip or fall hazard.

Let's stay safe in spring!

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## CAGY benefits from good housekeeping

The numerous benefits of good housekeeping have become apparent over the past year on the Columbus & Greenville Railway.

Extensive cleaning in the locomotive shop and car department has removed scrap and organized material. The effort has eliminated tripping hazards and cleared objects with sharp edges from walking paths.

"We're focused on getting rid of all potential safety hazards," said Perry Bush, CAGY chief mechanical officer. "It's been a constant, ongoing thing."

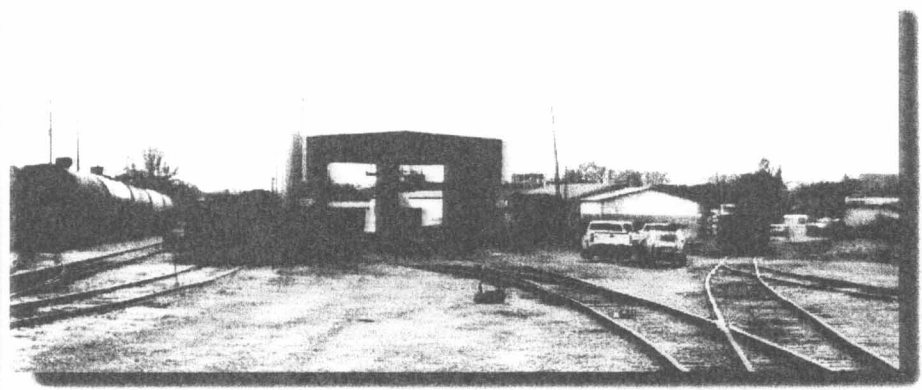
All members of the team have contributed to the effort, which began more than a year ago. With both the car and mechanical shops now in order, the team has shifted its efforts outside.

Along with safer overall conditions, Bush has noted improved employee morale as a result of the cleanup.

"When they have better conditions, the guys seem to feel better about what they do and how they do it," he said.

The cleanup also improves the public's impression of the railroad. The company has already received positive comments from nearby residents.

"And I'm sure we'll hear a lot more by the time we get finished," he said.



A clean yard means a safe yard for Columbus & Greenville Railway employees.

# Good housekeeping pays off

One of the leading indicators of a safe workplace is good housekeeping. Visitors can tell how employees feel about safety simply by looking at the environment in which the employees work. Good housekeeping is not the result of cleaning once a week or even once a day. It is the result of keeping a workplace tidy at all times.

## What are the benefits?

Housekeeping is an essential factor in a good safety program. It promotes safety, health, production and morale. An important benefit of a clean, tidy environment is the reduction in risk associated with slips, trips and falls.

## Whose responsibility is it? It is everyone's.

Slick surfaces, such as oil, grease or soap spills or recently washed & waxed floors, can lead to injury. That is why it is so important to clean spills immediately. If necessary, utilize cones, signs and/or caution tape to identify the area as potentially hazardous.

Aisles, stairways and walkways must be kept free of

tools, trucks, materials, equipment and obstructions. Return tools and other equipment to a properly designated place when finished using them. Stack material in an appropriate manner so that it does not collapse.

Littering is never acceptable. Leaving a single water bottle in the yard can be hazardous to the safety of you and your coworkers. If you pass debris in the yard, regardless of whether or not you put it there, pick it up and dispose of it properly.

## Other Good Housekeeping Tips:

- Tape electrical cord to the floor when possible.
- Avoid putting hoses in walkways.
- Inspect the workplace regularly to pick up loose debris.
- Ensure lighting properly illuminates the work place and all bulbs are in working order.

# Earth Day

April 22 will mark the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, created to raise awareness of environmental concerns and remind people to be proper stewards of Planet Earth.

G&W encourages each and every employee to take

time this April 22 to help improve the work environment, whether it's cleaning up litter or scrap metal in the yard, recycling plastic and cardboard, or fixing a leaky pipe or faucet.



*Lloyd Stephens and Treva Murray help clean up near Belle Ayr Mine, Wyo., on Earth Day 2009.*

