



CLB 5 Accidents at Work 1

Instructions:

1. Read the case study.
2. Give the story a title.
3. Answer the questions. Be ready to discuss your answers with the class.

Case Study: _____

Javier, a young man, is employed with a painting company in Nova Scotia. He has lived in Canada for 10 years. Javier likes his job, and would like to start his own painting business in the future. Javier's company had a training day about workplace safety last month, but Javier was sick that day and could not attend.

Yesterday, Javier forgot his safety harness at the company office. He thought about going back to get it, but he didn't want to get in trouble with his boss. Javier decided to work without his harness for the day. In the afternoon, Javier was painting the second story of a house. When he reached up to paint under the roof, the ladder tipped. Because he was not wearing a safety harness, Javier fell 20 feet to the ground, and he was badly injured. He hurt his legs and got some cuts on his arm from the metal fencing.

Javier's co-workers rushed to help him. First, they called 911 for an ambulance. Then his co-workers carried Javier to the front of the house. They helped stop the bleeding with some rags, covered him with a blanket, and kept talking to Javier. Diego, one of the co-workers, called the supervisor to let him know about the accident. The ambulance arrived quickly and the paramedics took over.

Javier is now recovering in hospital. Because of his injuries, Javier will be off work for two months.

After work that day, Diego went back to the office. He had to write a report about the accident so the company could find ways to prevent this type of accident from happening again.



Questions

1. What is this case study mainly about?
 - a. Javier's company
 - b. Javier's safety training
 - c. Javier's accident
 - d. Giving first aid after an accident

Safety Tip:

Think twice before you move a person who may have injured their back. You could cause worse damage.

Learn more in a First Aid class.

2. What is the purpose of this case study?
 - a. to teach about the importance of workplace safety
 - b. to give instructions for handling workplace accidents
 - c. to teach about safety rules at Javier's company
 - d. to give instructions for giving first aid

3. Read the statements. Choose if they are true or false. If they are false, write a correct sentence.

a. Javier had formal health and safety training.

TRUE / FALSE

Correct sentence:

b. Javier will be off of work for two weeks.

TRUE / FALSE

Correct sentence:

c. Javier fell 20 feet to the ground.

TRUE / FALSE

Correct sentence:

4. Why was Javier injured?

5. What injuries did Javier have?

6. What did the co-workers do well?

7. What is one error that the co-workers made? Why was it an error?

8. What did Diego do to help the company in the future?

9. What should Javier do in the future? Explain your answer.

10. Describe a time when you or a co-worker had to call an ambulance or apply first aid.

11. What would be a good title for this case study?

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