



Bakersfield Composite Squadron #121

60-Second Safety Advisor #42

Be Proactive - Prevent the Accident

Have you ever wondered why somebody added a stop light to an old intersection, put a "no diving" sign on an old bridge, or put up a new "watch for pedestrians" sign on a particular road. It is very likely that somebody was seriously injured or killed at that intersection, diving from that bridge, or walking down that road.

When a serious accident occurs, we often react by putting new rules or signs in place to prevent recurrence of that accident. What we need to do is to train our minds to recognize potential hazards and to take action to prevent accidents before they occur. When you hear somebody say, "I've done it that way a hundred times and have never had an accident", you should encourage them to count their blessings and to reevaluate the hazards associated with their activity. Otherwise, they may be the next person to have a new rule or sign established in their honor.

