

SAFETY MEETING

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Company Name: Superior Waterproofing Job Name or #: _____ Date: _____
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"THERE'S MURDER IN THAT GAME"

(Taken from "Safety Stuff") *I don't know about you, but I'm a bit of a football (U.S.) fan. And yes, since I live near Philadelphia I root for the Eagles and Penn State. Though it is still a rough sport that causes many injuries, over the years it has become a much more civil and "safe" sport. Here's a brief excerpt from Cause of Death by Jack Mingo on how the safety in football movement got started:*

Football was not always the genteel game it is today. Once bloodier than a street fight, the sport was nearly banned from college campuses in 1909 because so many players were being killed--27 in that year alone--and hundreds more seriously injured. Even boxer John L. Sullivan, no stranger to brutal sports, observed, "There's murder in that game!" after watching a Harvard-Yale meeting.

Wrote gunfighter-turned-sportswriter Bat Masterson, another man who didn't flinch from violence: "Football is not a sport in any sense. It is a brutal and savage slugging match between two reckless opposing crowds. The rougher it is and the more killed and crippled, the more delighted are the spectators, who howl their heads off at the sight of a player stretched prone and unconscious on the hard and frozen ground."

Finally, a newly formed Intercollegiate Football Rules Committee was formed under the leadership of the president of Princeton--and future U.S. president-- Woodrow Wilson. He actually knew something about the game, having coached a football team while a history professor at Wesleyan University in the 1880s.

Wilson's committee spent 5 months devising rules to make the game less lethal, requiring helmets and prohibiting diving tackles, linked arms on offense, the lifting and carrying of ball carriers, and interference with pass receivers. Most people supported the changes, but many hard-core fans complained that the IFRC ruined the game forever.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. How does the above story relate to jobsite safety, OSHA rules, etc. _____

DID YOU OBSERVE ANY UNSAFE OPERATIONS ON JOBSITE THIS WEEK? WHAT WERE THEY? _____

What Corrective action was taken? _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____