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> Fisher Scientific Company National Safety Council

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Final Script

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FADE IN: 1. TITLE SEQUENCE -- ANIMATION An animated sequence using international safety symbols. They will be cut to music and made visually dramatic, leading into ...

SUPER AND LOGOS:

THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL and FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY present "SAFETY: Isn't It Worth It?"

MUSIC: Lively, yet subdued

dissolve to:

 INTERIOR. MAIN LABORATORY
JACK KLUGMAN (wearing shirt, tie, sweater vest and lab coat) is walking, slowly and confidently, through a well-used but neat-looking laboratory.

> **MR. KLUGMAN:** (on camera) Accidents happen everywhere. But you think they'd happen less in a laboratory.

I mean, what's lab work all about? It's precision, and care, and being alert.

But accidents do happen in laboratories. Why?

b) He stops and sweeps his arms around.

Because there are so many more hazards here!

c) He points to specific things.

... Flammables, infectious agents, open flames, radiation, chemical vapors, electricity, glassware, poisons, caustics, and on and on.

d) Move in for a closeup.

Laboratories are full of dangerous things. So here, more than anywhere, safety is important.

dissolve to:

3. INTERIOR. LABORATORY #2 a) Bottles of ether and other chemicals, covered with dust, are sitting on a shelf next to a window ledge. Bright sunlight is streaming onto the bottles.

> **MAN'S VOICE** (OFF CAMERA) When did you use it last?

SECOND MAN'S VOICE (OFF CAMERA) I don't remember.

b) The man walks into the scene and picks up the bottle of ether.

MAN: (TO HIMSELF) Eh, it oughtta be okay.

c) The man unscrews the lid and the bottle immediately explodes.

SFX: Explosion

d) Broken glass and flames.

SFX: (to indicate other bottles exploding) Series of explosion sounds Glass breaking

cut to:

4. INTERIOR. MAIN LABORATORY

a) Jack Klugman is seated on a lab stool behind a lab bench on which there are a number of different chemicals (including ether) in different kinds of

containers.

MR. KLUGMAN:

A lot of chemicals in a lab ... are deadly.

You wouldn't touch a rattlesnake without thinking. So why be careless about handling chemicals.

b) He holds up a bottle to the light and looks at the liquid.

Maybe it's because they look so harmless.

c) Closeup of him.

But they're not. Every chemical is potentially dangerous. So, every person who works with chemicals has got to know how to handle them properly.

cut to:

5. INTERIOR/EXTERIOR. RECEIVING DOCK.a) A carton is being taken off a truck and put onto a dolly by a warehouseman.

MR. KLUGMAN: (VOICEOVER)

First, everyone must know how to read and understand all chemical labels.

b) Closeup of the carton with the red triangular 'FLAMMABLE" label.

For example, everyone needs to know that a "FLAMMABLE" label means that that chemical has a low flash point.

It's got to be kept away from heat, sparks and open flames.

c) The warehouseman walks over to his desk, puts out a cigarette, then walks back to the carton on the dolly.

That label also means ... That you must not smoke around this chemical. It means that you have to keep the container closed ...

cut to:

5. INTERIOR. LABORATORY #3

a) The warehouseman brings the carton on the dolly into the lab and sets it on the lab bench. A lab worker opens the carton and takes out the bottles (person should be wearing proper protection.)

And you shouldn't store it near oxidizing materials:

They support combustion.

b) The worker goes to a Flammables Storage Cabinet, opens it, and begins to carry some of the bottles over to it.

What about storing chemicals?

Each has to go in its proper place: Flammables should be kept in storage cabinets.

<u>cut to.</u> 6. INTERIOR. STUDIO/LAB A medium shot of water-reactive chemicals on a shelf.

Water-reactive chemicals should go in a cool, dry place.

<u>cut to:</u> 7. LAB. A wooden cabinet.

> Acids belong in a wooden cabinet with an acid-resistant lining. Or, on a shelf close to the floor in

case they should fall.

<u>cut to:</u> 8. LAB. Closeup of safety cans and Safe-Cote bottles

Store, dispense and use chemicals in approved safety cans. They don't break and they're less likely to catch on fire.

Or, use the new impact-resistant plastic-coated bottles.

cut to:

9. LAB

a) An explosion-proof refrigerator. A hand opens the door to reveal chemicals -- including ether -- inside.

Know which chemicals belong in refrigerators ... and those that need explosion-proof refrigerators.

b) Closeup of a label with shelf life highlighted.

And, always check expiration dates.

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<u>cut to:</u> 45. MAIN LABORATORY Closeup of Jack Klugman.

> **MR. KLUGMAN**: Your laboratory is only as safe as you make it.

For that, you've got to have the proper training, the proper equipment, and always use the proper procedures.

What safety really takes, though, is extra care.

An extra thought ... about yourself, your family, and the people working around you...That leads you to take extra care in everything you do.

After all, isn't it worth it?

FADE OUT

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