

**Introduction:** Work areas and jobsites are dangerous enough, and the hazards change daily. Remember – you can do all the safety meetings in the world and you can buy the best safety equipment in the world - but what happens when workers get in a hurry? What happens when we just want to get the job done? What happens when all the safety rules are ignored, or when supervisors don't enforce the rules? Excuses don't prevent incidents—they make incidents happen. Safety is the lack of excuses!

## BE SAFE!!!

### EXCUSES FOR INJURIES AND INCIDENTS

- I was in a hurry;
- I was being stupid;
- I wasn't thinking about it;
- Getting the job done;
- Trying to do too much;
- Tired, fatigued;
- I wasn't thinking about the big picture.
- Laziness – didn't want to take the extra time;
- Carelessness – making a choice to be unsafe;
- Daydreaming;
- Cell phones caused a distraction;
- I'm used to it – complacency;
- I didn't want to take time to get the right equipment;
- My employee should have known what to do.

**WATCH FOR THESE BEHAVIORS! EVEN WITH ALL OF THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, GEAR AND MACHINES POSSIBLE ON YOUR JOBSITE – WHY WOULD AN EMPLOYEE PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK TO DO THE WORK? TO GET THE JOB DONE!**

- Have your employees received a printed copy of your safety plan in the last year?
- Have you had a safety meeting within the last month?
- Have employees been instructed on the contents of the safety plan, and have they signed for it?
- When were your safety rules last enforced?
- Is there any evidence – on paper – that management expects a safe jobsite?

THINK ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIORS AND ACTIONS WHILE AT WORK.

DO YOU BREAK COMPANY SAFETY RULES?

DO OTHER EMPLOYEES SEE YOU BREAK SAFETY RULES?

DO IMPRESSIONABLE NEW EMPLOYEES SEE YOU BREAK SAFETY RULES?

WHAT JOB IS WORTH A SERIOUS INJURY OF FATALITY?

ARE YOU THE TYPE OF GUY THAT DOES NOT CARE ABOUT ANYBODY OTHER THAN YOURSELF?

**THE MOST SELFISH EMPLOYEES ON THE PLANET BREAK SAFETY RULES.** WHY? THEY ONLY THINK ABOUT THEMSELVES, THEIR COMFORT AND ROUTINE. THEY DO NOT THINK ABOUT THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT MIGHT BE AFFECTED AFTER THEIR INJURY. THEY DON'T THINK ABOUT:

1. THEMSELVES
2. THEIR FAMILY
3. THEIR COWORKERS
4. THEIR COMPANY
5. THE PUBLIC
6. THEIR CUSTOMERS
7. INNOCENT BYSTANDERS

THINK ABOUT THIS NEXT TIME YOU GET INTO A DANGEROUS OR USAFE SITUATION. STOP AND RETHINK – HOW CAN THIS JOB BE PERFORMED IN A SAFER MANNER.

<b>DATE OF TRAINING</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR NAME</b>
<b>COMPANY NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION OF TRAINING</b>
<b>PARTICIPANT NAMES</b>	
<b>SAFETY MEETING NOTES</b>	

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