



ToolBox Talks from the SWPA Safety Committee

Easy Way Out...

Will you take the EASY WAY or the SAFE WAY?

There are many reasons why accidents happen that result in injury or property loss during work hours. Oftentimes, there must be multiple failures in the safety systems that are in place. A major reason there is a failure in the safeguards that are supposed to protect workers is that individuals take the **Easy Way Out** when completing the task instead of doing it the **SAFE WAY**. Recognize the importance of doing tasks the right way **EVERY TIME** and the consequences if you don't.



Why do we choose the EASY WAY...

There are many excuses an individual will point to when asked why they are not performing a work task the **SAFE WAY**. Some of these reasons include:

- *"This is the way I have always done it and nothing bad has ever happened"*
- *"There is not enough time to do it the safe way"*
- *"My boss does not enforce the rules anyway and has unrealistic expectations"*
- *"I do not have the energy to do the task the way you want me to do it"*

Taking the **EASY WAY** when it comes to safe work practices leaves you and everyone else around you at risk.

DISCUSSION POINT - Evaluate the tasks you do at work and ask

Why the Safe Way is the only way EVERY TIME

We should all want to do our best at every single task the **SAFE WAY** every time.

- ⇒ Keep both ourselves and our fellow coworkers safe
- ⇒ Working safely is good business
- ⇒ Cutting corners will lead to exposure to more risk than necessary
- ⇒ Helps a business thrive by avoiding unnecessary costs resulting from injuries. When the business does well, everyone benefits.



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