

Weekly Safety Meeting

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Your Attitude, Your Choice.

Your attitude you choose could save your life.

Look me straight in the eye and tell you don't really give a damn about jobsite safety. Can you really say that with a straight face? If you can, then get off my jobsite, 'cause I can't trust you and you're dangerous.

Negative Attitudes

Attitudes have a lot to do with employee safety performance and job performance. Many safety professionals have made the mistake of talking mainly about the attitudes that "cause" accidents, instead of stressing the attitudes that "prevent" accidents.

Here are some "attitudes" that "cause" accidents:

- "Safety is just a matter of chance. There's nothing I can do to guarantee I don't get hurt."
- "It's necessary to take chances to get my job done fast."
- "If I'm tough and strong, I can take chances and get away with it."
- "The company really doesn't care about safety."
- > "The other workers will think I'm a sissy if I'm always careful."
- ➢ "I've been working this way for 20 years and I haven't been hurt yet."
- > "The hell with safety, it's really only a game of chance anyway."
- "If I did all that stuff OSHA wants I'll never get my job done."

Positive Attitudes

O.K., now let's look at the other side of the coin. If we want people to have a good attitude towards safety, then we ought to think about what "prevents" accidents. Here are some positive attitudes to consider:

- "Accidents have causes". They can be prevented."
- Accidents interfere with production. Safe work is efficient work."
- "Regardless of whether or not the company is truly interested in safety rules, I am going to work safe for myself and my family."
- > "My fellow employees will respect me if I show good judgment and work safely."
- ▶ "Working safely is a mark of skill. I'm proud of my safety record."
- "I came to work this morning in one piece, and I'm going home this evening in one piece."
- "You can jump off that six-foot high scaffold, but I'm going to use the ladder."
- "My foreman gives a Safety Talk first thing every Monday morning. I appreciate that."
- "Our company has an annual safety recognition program. I'm going to do my part to get recognized this year."

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- "I had a near miss this morning, so now I'm going to talk to my supervisor to see if he can give me some good tips to avoid a repeat."
- > "My attitude is that I can't be TOO SAFE, and it's a lot better than being TOO SORRY."
- There are many other attitudes for safety. If we accept positive attitudes for safety, they will rub off on the people we associate with and become a part of our daily conversation.

Additional Topics and Meeting Attendees:

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