

Why work safely?

I could have saved a life that day,
But I choose to look the other way,
It wasn't that I didn't care,
I had the time, and I was there.
But I didn't want to seem a fool,
Or argue a safety rule.
I knew he'd done the job before,
If I called it wrong, he might get sore.
The chances didn't seem that bad,
I've done the same, he knew I had.
So I shook my head and walked on by,
He knew the risks as well as I.
He took the chance, I closed an eye,
And with that act, I let him die.
I could have saved a life that day,
But I choose to look the other way.
Now every time I see his wife,
I know I should have saved his life.
That guilt is something I must bear,
But it isn't something that you share.
If you see a risk that others take,
That puts their health or life at stake.
The question asked, or thing you say,
Could help them live another day.
If you see a risk and walk away,
Then I hope you never have to say,
I could have saved a life that day,
But I chose to look the other way.

~Unknown



Do you need more reasons?

Importance of Safety Training/Meetings

Routine work can dull alertness and a relaxed attitude can replace the caution that existed when the job was new and interesting. Without periodic reawakening to the ever-present hazards, lethargy deepens and the odds of an accident occurring can increase.

Safety Training Tips

- Safety training should be organized to the steps taken in the field.
- Check for understanding. Don't assume they know it because they were present. This will let you know what needs to be reviewed again.
- Employees should be able to immediately practice and apply new knowledge and skills.
- Give immediate feedback.
- Break the language barrier and use a bilingual employee to interpret.

Safety Meeting Resources

Keyword: Job Site Safety

PureSafety Course: Safety and You & Job Hazard Analysis

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25214805/>

DVD "I chose to look the other way" in NDOR Library # DVD 7 2007

Research your topic and use these simple questions and steps to get your safety meeting off on the right foot!

1. Discuss why this topic is important to NDOR employees.
2. How does it affect me and my co-workers?
3. Without naming names, discuss safety shortcuts you have seen.
4. Explain why they put you and others at risk.
5. What can your team do to improve safety and steps to take?