



Weekly Safety Meeting: Short Cuts

Question: (Yes/No answer) Nearly everyone we know uses short cuts to get the job done?

Answer: Generally, yes.

However, there are some reasons not to use short cuts. As we all know, a project is completed by use of certain construction methods. Short cuts usually modify methods and as a result, decrease the safety built into proven methods.

Guide for Discussion:

What are some ideas to keep in mind when doing short cuts?

- Everyone uses short cuts. They can be dangerous. Sometimes they are deadly.
- Our company is willing to take the time necessary to do a job properly.
- Heights increase the dangers of short cuts.
- Excavation and tunnels increase the dangers of short cuts.
- Warn those using unsafe short cuts of the hazards associated with short cuts.

Additional Discussion Notes:

Short cuts can really hurt our customers and our profits. Name some examples you have seen on the job.

Remember: Although we all use short cuts in our daily routines, we must be aware of the dangers that short cuts expose us to. There are two ways to perform a work task. Often the safe way is not the fastest or easiest way.

NOTE: Always promote a discussion on any of the topics covered in the Weekly Safety Meeting. Should any question arise that you cannot answer, don't hesitate to contact the Safety Director.