

SAFETY MEETING

Company Name: Superior Waterproofing Job Name or #: _____ Date: _____

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BABOON HAD PERFECT SAFETY RECORD!

(Proof that you can too if you train to do your job safely!)

One common theme the professional safety speakers had at the ATR Speaker's Showcase was that you can have a **"Zero Accident"** workplace. I was reminded of this story and thought it would be light and cheery for a Tool Talk.

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A century ago, a baboon helped his handicapped master.
What did he help his master do? Run a railroad switching station!

In 1877, railroad man James Wide had both legs severed in an accident near Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He was reassigned as switchman at the Uitenhage Tower, where he settled into a rundown cabin and befriended a baboon named Jack. Wide had found his man Friday.

Jack was extremely intelligent. He learned to pump water from a well, clean house, and tend Wide's garden. Every morning, he pushed his master to work in a handcart that Wide had built to run on rails.

Wide trained his hairy helpmate to perform minor chores at the signal tower, and Jack was soon manning the station. He operated the levers that set signals for approaching trains and managed the tower controls that opened and closed switches on a siding.

When Jack died in 1890, he left behind a spotless safety record with the railroad. In the nine years he served as Wide's assistant, he never made one mistake that resulted in injury or loss of property.

BE SAFE!

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____