

# SAFETY MEETING

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## **RISK TAKERS**

Do you love an adrenaline rush? Do you like to take chances and play the odds? If you answer yes to these two questions, you may be a risk taker. If you are a risk taker, that's fine, as long as your gambling is confined either within the walls of the casino or to your weekly poker game. **WHEN YOU TAKE RISKS AT WORK YOU ARE GAMBLING WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES!**

Who take risks and why? Young people are stereotyped as thinking they're indestructible. A recent study suggests that the part of the brain that inhibits risky behavior isn't fully formed until age 25. But brain development isn't the only reason. People may take risks *to look cool, to impress others, and to show off*. Some end up taking risks because they're **lazy**, they believe that **rules don't apply to them**, they **don't care**, or they **don't bother to think about the consequences**.

On this jobsite, **THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR RISK-TAKING BEHAVIOR**. We don't care whether you are young or old, new or experienced, cool or shy, conservative or a little crazy – risky behavior is unacceptable.

- **LAZY** – “I left my safety glasses in the truck and didn't want to go all the way back to get them. I didn't think I would really get a piece of concrete in my eye from this small job.” “I just came back from break or lunch, **NOT TURNING IN YOUR TOOL TALK WEEKLY,....**”
- **IRRESPONSIBLE** – “We thought the dirt was compacted enough that we didn't have to shore up the walls of the trench. Who would have thought that wall would collapse?” **NOT TURNING IN YOUR TOOL TALK WEEKLY....**
- **NEGLIGENT** – “We rarely use fall protection, so we didn't think to tell the new kid that he should wear a harness.”
- **THOUGHTLESS** – “I just assumed that the wires weren't alive. The electricians have hardly been on site so I didn't bother to check.”
- **RECKLESS** – “I know that the guardrails are supposed to support a couple of hundred pounds. But is anyone really going to fall against them?”
- **CARELESS** – “How was I supposed to know that the nail gun could actually shoot a nail through the drywall and hit someone?”

**DON'T BE A RISK TAKER!** Don't make excuses because you're not following safety rules. Discipline yourself to follow all of SUPERIOR'S safety rules. Wear the PPE you need when you need it or it is required by policy. Finally, always set a good example both on and off the job.

**SAFETY REMINDER** – Don't drive after you've had a few drinks. Don't drive while texting or chatting on your cell phone. **AND** don't drunk dial your ex-girlfriend!

**IDENTIFY THE RISK (Jobsite hazard analysis)**  
**REMOVE THE RISK (Engineering controls)**  
**WHEN THE RISK STILL EXISTS (Wear the proper PPE)**

**WHAT UNSAFE OPERATIONS DID YOU FIND ON YOUR JOBSITE THIS WEEK?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What Corrective action was taken?** \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Attended By \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_