

Consequences of Safety Compromised

It's not hard for us to agree that all companies are in business to make a profit. If they are not profitable they go out of business. We get that; however, history shows that the safety of workers has been compromised in pursuit of those profits. There have been companies that have continually shown a flagrant disregard for safety in the workplace. Others have been more subtle where they pay lip service to safety but fail to walk the talk. The end result is that people continue to be injured or killed in work environments.

Here are a few safety slogans that sound good but how successful are they really? "Avoid the worst. Put safety first;" "Safety is no accident;" "Safety is a full time job – don't make it a part time practice;" "Stay safe, someone at home is waiting for you;" "Make safety a reality and don't be a fatality;" and "Never give safety a day off." The Boys Scouts of America have this slogan, "Safety Always." These are all great and from a safety standpoint I could use a Nike quote and say, "Just do it." Obviously the intent of all these safety slogans, and there are hundreds more out there, is what I call Safety Perfection. What is that? Put simply, everyone going home safe each and every day.

Where the rubber meets the road is the stark gap between success and failure. For far too long safety has been compromised in the workplace because of being trumped by the need for maximum productivity in order to garner the greatest profit. Failure is when people are injured or killed on the job. How bad is that failure? Thousands of people die and hundreds of thousands are injured every year in the United States. Magnify that to the entire world and imagine how huge the numbers must be. Frankly, those numbers are unconscionable and they tell me that safety success on a massive scale is in fact a failure that should strike horror in the minds of people. And, to a very large extent, this is the consequence of safety being compromised.

There are many reasons that contribute to or are the causative factor as to why safety gets compromised much, much too often in work environments. For a much more in-depth discussion of safety being compromised in the workplace go to Chapter 10 – Safety Compromised (Best Practices) in our book, *Safety Under Construction—A Quest for Safety Perfection Utilizing Inventive Thinking where we discuss in depth the psychological aspects of safety that include how we are affected mentally, emotionally and physically*. It is a must-read for individuals and anyone who wants to dramatically improve the Culture of Safety within your organization and make unlimited strides for safety success.

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