



## A Systematic Approach to Safety Performance

## **Terminal Objective**

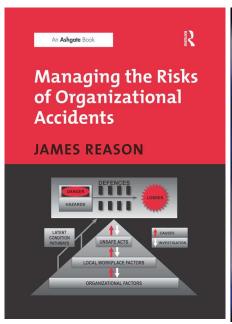
Provide a "new view of safety" with an understanding of basic safety (human and organizational) principles

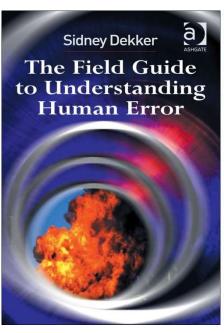
## **Enabling Objectives**

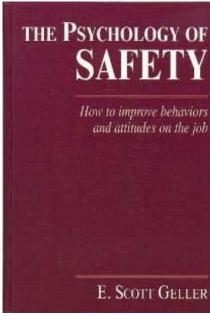
- 1. Safety (Human & Organizational) Performance Principles
- 2. Safety Performance Error Traps & Performance Tools
  - Key Safety Error Traps
  - Errors and Violations
  - Safety Performance Tools
- 3. Hazard Controls "Defenses"
  - Understand how hazard mitigation controls "Defenses" prevent events and how safety performance tools contribute to reduce errors and exposure to hazards

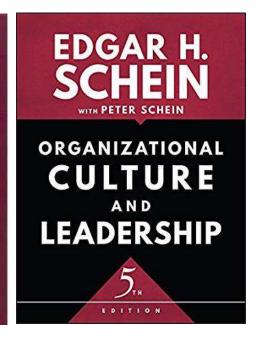


## The Experts









"Why did it make sense for the person to do what they did at the time of the event"

Sydney Dekker

## **ASSP GM-Z10.100-2019**

ANSI/ASSP Z10.0-2019 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems

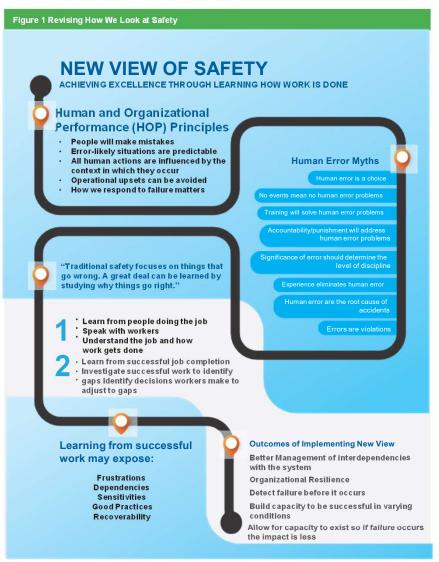


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#### **Guidance and Implementation Manual Chapter 2**

## Understanding the Workplace: The New View of Safety



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- 1. No events, no problems?
- 2. Errors are the same as violations?
- 3. Accountability is the only solution?
- 4. Errors cause significant events?
- 5. Significance determines culpability?
- 6. Human performance is good common sense?
- 7. If we train on it, it will come?
- 8. Experience eliminate incidents?
- 9. Reward is the same as recognition?





## How Were the Principles **Derived**?





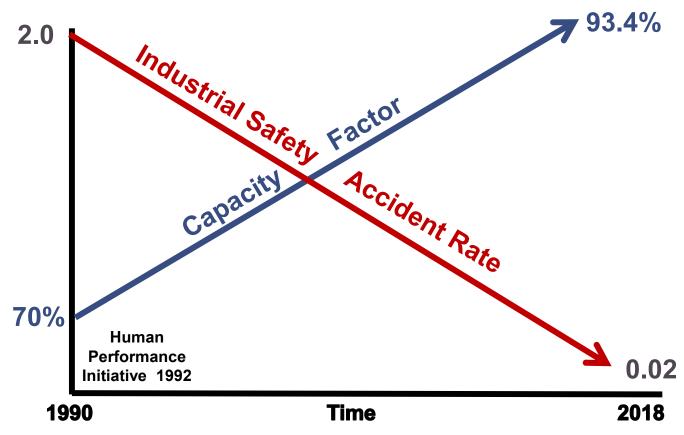
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- Medical



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## **Unintended Consequences**



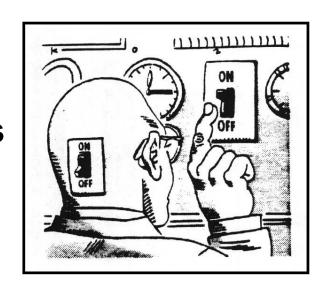
Industrial Safety Accident Rate = Lost Time & Restricted Duty Injuries per 200,000 Hours Capacity Factor unitless ratio of actual electrical energy output to maximum possible Source: Institute of Nuclear Power Operation (INPO) Annual Reports

# Results Safety Performance **Behaviors**



## **Safety Performance Principles**

- People make errors
- Organizational values and programs influence behaviors
- Behaviors are influenced by what is encouraged and reinforced



- Most errors are predictable and can be reduced using Safety Performance Tools
- Events can be eliminated with Hazard Mitigation Controls – Defenses

Re + Md - 0 Events



## Safety Performance Error Traps



#### **Time Pressure**

Time pressure or being hurried can lead to taking short-cuts. Short cuts can quickly lead to injuries, damage to equipment, or harm the environment.



#### **Distractions**

Distractions are a concern as people multi-task or use social media to find out what's happening now. Distractions and Interruptions can double the error rate!



### **Inaccurate Risk Perception**

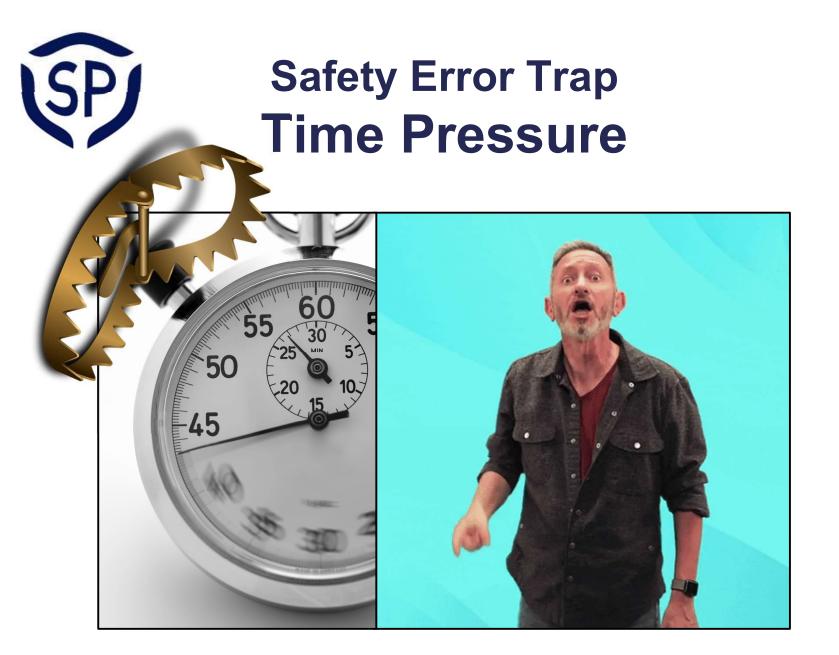
Having done the job safely many times before leads to complacency or overconfidence that can result in an inaccurate risk perception. Just because you've done the job several times before, does not mean that there is less risk.

Low Risk 
No Risk!



### **Assumptions**

When **p**erforming the task for the first-time or make assumptions and choose to not use or refer to programs, processes or procedures, the risk of error can be as high as one in two. Flip a Coin!







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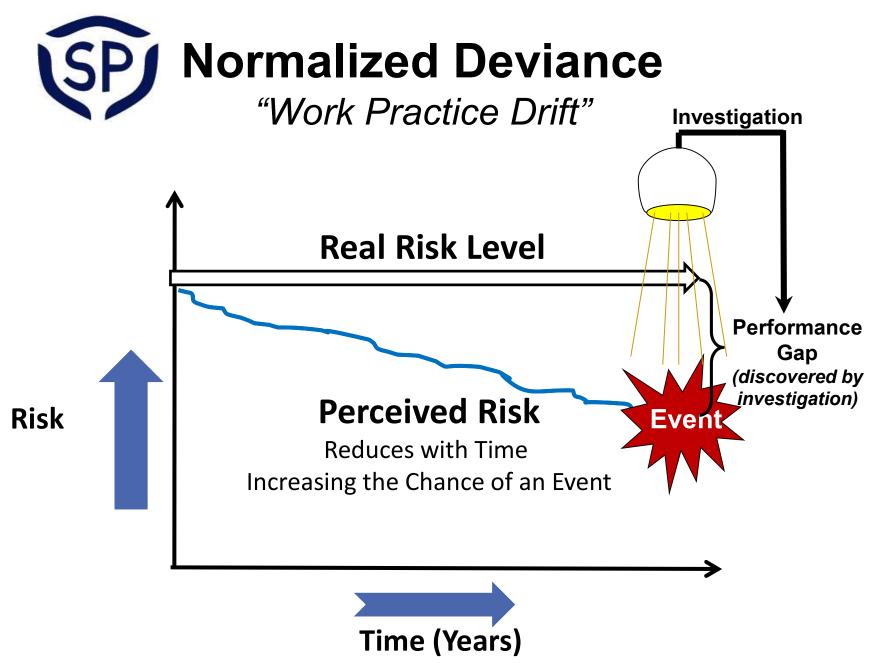


## Safety Error Trap Assumptions

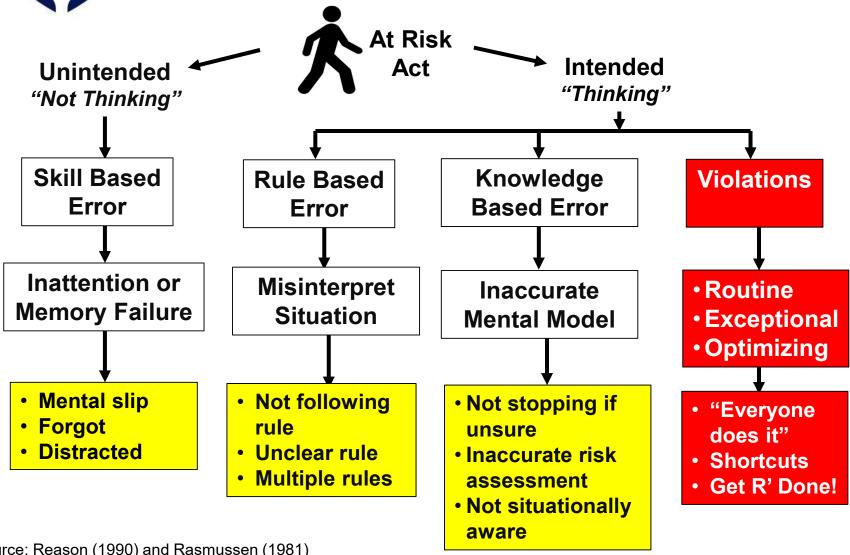


## Safety Error Trap Inaccurate Risk Perception





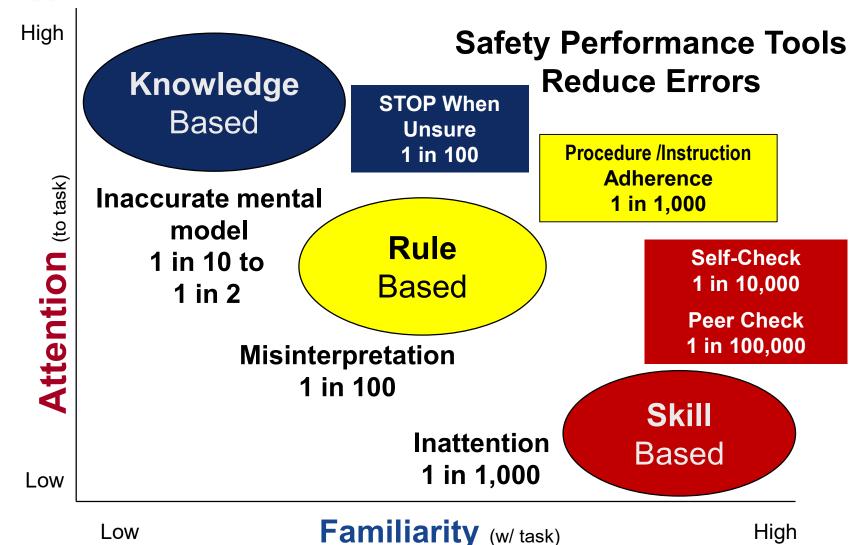
## **Errors & Violations**



Source: Reason (1990) and Rasmussen (1981)



## **Error Modes & Performance Tools**



Reference: Reason, Managing the Risks of Organizational Accidents ©2019 Safety Performance LLC

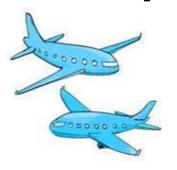


## Is 99.99% Acceptable?

## If so, we would experience:



22,000 checks deducted from wrong accounts each hour



Two unsafe plane landings at an airport each day



500 incorrect surgical operations each week



20,000 incorrect drug prescriptions each year

## Errors and Events Cost Companies Billions of Dollars Every Year!



## Safety Performance Tools





## **What**

A Pre-Job Brief is an interactive discussion involving all team members to safely perform a task to ensure all potential hazards and risks associated the task are addressed.

## Why

- To <u>identify</u> hazards and raise To ensure hazard controls are in place
- To discuss lessons learned from similar jobs in the past

## <u>How</u>

Conduct it in a reverse manner (worker leads discussion) to assess understanding by participants.



### **OSHA 1910.269 Job Brief**

- Hazards associated with job
- Work procedures involved
- Special Precautions
- Energy source control
- Personal Protective
   Equipment requirements
- Environmental Hazards and Controls



## Post Job Brief



#### What

A Post-Job Brief is used to gather information and lessons learned from workers after completion of a work activity to improve future performance, promote learning and prevent events.

### <u>Why</u>

- To ensure that the work site has been cleaned up
- To ensure that job status is communicated
- To identify what worked well and any opportunities for improvement in the future

## **Typical Post Job Brief**

- What worked well?
- What can be improved?
- What lessons were learned that need to be captured and passed on to others?

#### <u>When</u>

- When completing work during which lessons were learned
- When completing non-routine, emergent, or high-risk work
- When safety or job execution are challenged, or improvement opportunities exist.

## Situational Awareness



Explore: (look up, down and around)

· On the Right Train / Component? the Pre-Job Brief?

· Any other jobs underway in the area?

· Any trip-sensitive components present?

· Any new job site hazards? · Any other job site changes?

2. Review the Rules:

Procedure / Work Document use
 Duties, Roles and Responsibilities

· Stop points / Contingency actions

3. Verify Readiness to Proceed:

· Conduct SAFER Dialogue if appropriate

· Are we all on the same/right step?





#### 2-Minute Drill

Stop ... Look ... Think ... Engage

Barriers Intact?

Right Work Location / Component?

Bump Hazards?

Safety Hazards & Mitigation?

 What Can Go Wrong & What Are We Doing to Prevent?

 Has Anything Changed from the Brief / Preview?



STOP IF CONDITIONS ARE NOT AS BRIEFED!

Pinch Points

Bending/Lifting

Heat/Cold Stress

Slips/Trips/Falls

Weather

Lighting/Ventilation

Sharp/Hot/Wet Surfaces

· Housekeeping

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Are we on the correct Unit/Train Component?

Proper for the task: · PPF & FMF Controls

ALARA Techniques Briefed Appropriate?

· Clearances verified and signed on?

Are there any job site hazards?

· How can we correct/avoid them to prevent injury?

Does the area contain any of the following

· 2-Foot Zone Rule / Bump Hazards Trip-Sensitive Equipment

Protected Equipment Postings

· Other jobs in the Area

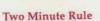
Has our plan changed or does it need to change? If yes, then:

· Place the job in a safe condition Contact supervision

What are the Critical or Risk Important steps for this task?

· What could go wrong and what are we doing to prevent it?

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"Our work is never so urgent, nor our schedule so important, that care cannot be taken to avoid injury.

Take two minutes to evaluate your job site.

A) Look up and down, look all around

B) Ask yourself or each other:

1."What are the hazards?"

2. "How can I get hurt?" 3. "What is different?"

C) Take action to understand or mitigate any

Need help? Contact your supervisor.

hazards before proceeding









- What are the hazards in the area?

- What PPE is required for this task/area?

- Are energy sources secured/isolated?

#### **HUMAN PERFORMANCE**

- Are we on the correct component?

- How are we maintaining plant status control?

- What is the worst thing that can happen?

- What HU tools will we use for this task?

- Is everything as we expected?

#### ALARA

- Have I reviewed and signed in on the right RWP?

- How can I minimize my dose?

- Where are the low-dose areas?

- What are the contamination levels in the area?

FirstEnergy Utilities



Are we on the correct Circuit or Component? Engaged & on the same / right step

Proper for the task: PPE, tools and equipment

Have we positively identified and property controlled all energy sources?

Clearance verified Tested-de-energized Proper grounding

Are there any job site hazards? How can we correct/ avoid them:

Does the area contain any of the following: Trip-Sensitive Equipment Other crews working in Barricaded areas Bumping Hazards

How can we prevent an injury?

# Has our plan changed or does it need to change?

Place the job in a safe condition

Conduct new job briefing

What are the critical steps, if any, for this task? Any action that will trigger immediate, irreversible, intolerable harm if that step, or a previous one, is performed improperly

FirstEnergy Utilities



Permits/Procedure

Confined Space

Overhead Loads

Chemical Use/Storage

Energy Control

Electrical

. Line of Fire

# Traffic

Dog/Bee/Tick Bites

The Risk Challenge **Assess the Risk** 

Anticipate errors that could occur at each critical step.

What could go wrong?

What is the likelihood?

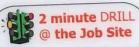
What are the possible consequences?

What is the worst that could happen?

How do we prevent it from happening (Human Performance Tools, controls and barriers, defenses)?

MAKE SAFETY A WAY OF LIFE





• What are the hazards in the area?

. How could I get hurt?

Have I reviewed the applicable JHA?

Do I have the proper PPE?

· Are proper safety barriers in place?

Am I on the correct unit / train /

component? How will I maintain Status Control?

 Do I have the necessary FME tools?

 Are my planned dose reduction techniques appropriate?

· Am I impacting Security? (If yes call x2222)

What else could go wrong?

Do I need to or have I changed the

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#### Two-minute Rule

"Our work is never so urgent, nor our schedule so important, that care cannot be taken to avoid injury."

Take two minutes to evaluate your job site. A)Look up and down, look all around

1. Prevent dropped/falling objects

- Use lanyards

- Use netting

- Use toe boards

2. Prevent Foreign Material Exclusion (FME)

B) Ask yourself or each other:

1. "What are the hazards?"

2. "How can I get hurt?"

hazards before proceeding

3. "What is different?" C) Take action to understand or mitigate any

Need help? Contact your supervisor.

## **NOTHING IS** ROUTINE!



Take a Moment for Safety Safety Self-Check

1. Did I review and understand the Task Plan for Safety?

2. What hazards are in my work area? 3. How could I get hurt performing this lask?

4. Can I do this jab safely? 5. Do I have the proger PPE?

8. Has Zero energy been verified? 7. Am I on the correct Unit Train, Component?

8. Has anything changed?

9. What also can go wrong? 10. Have I done my part to keep others sale?

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## A SAFETY MINUTE

WHEN STARTING, RETURNING OR INTERRUPTED ...

- 1. Explore: (Look up, down & around)
  - Recognize hazards & controls
  - Any potential challenges?

#### 2. Review / Follow Rules

- Life Saving Rules / JSA / Job Brief
- PPE / Safety Equipment

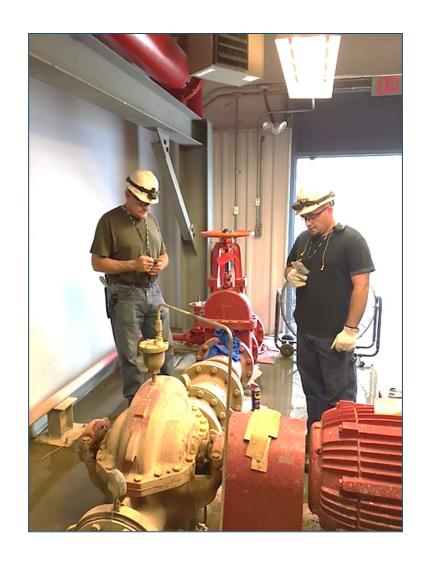
### 3. Perform Final Safety Check

- What is the worst that can happen and why won't it?
- Have all questions been answered?



STOP if Unsure and Notify Supervision

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## **Attention Focus Self and Peer Check**

## **What**

**Self-Check** focuses attention on the task, to think about the intended action and its expected response before performance, and verify actions taken after performance. STAR (Stop, Think, Act, and Review) is a technique to self check.



## **What**

**Peer-Check** is a series of actions by two individuals working together at the same time and place, before and during a specific action, to prevent an error by the performer.







## Life Saving Rules

## **CRAFT**

- Confined Space
- Rigging and Lifting
- Arc Flash / Electrical
- Fall Protection
- Tagging Energy Source Control













### **What**

The rules reflect best practices in the work-place, and many are required by OSHA. Following rules means that individuals understand the rule's intent and purpose and follow them as written.



### <u>Why</u>

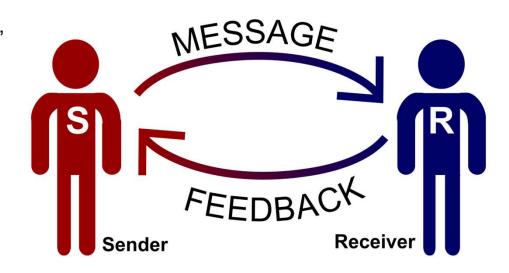
- To safeguard yourself and coworkers
- To ensure the correct actions are performed in the proper sequence and reduce risk of error.
- Ensures that we stay in "positive control" of the plant; the only thing that happens is what we expect to happen.



## **Effective Communication**

#### What

Effective Communication is clear, concise, and free of ambiguity. It is provided in a way that minimizes the chance of being misunderstood. It is usually performed using Three-Part Communications, the phonetic alphabet and the noun names of equipment and components.



### <u>Why</u>

- To minimize the potential for making errors.
- To provide for the accurate, complete, concise, clear, and error-free transfer of information.
- To ensure the receiver of the message listens to and understands the message the sender intended to send.

### <u>When</u>

Exchanges of information that direct manipulation of equipment or critical steps or safety related tasks require the use of three-part communication.

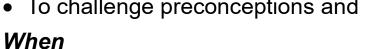


## What

STOP Work involves a brief interruption work to discuss and resolve assumptions, uncertainty, changing conditions, or other potential unsafe conditions.

### Why

- To reduce errors and exposure to hazards
- To ensure good decisions are made during work performance
- To challenge preconceptions and assumptions



Employees are responsible and authorized to stop work and seek help if an actual or potential unsafe condition is present, but especially when:

- if it is determined during the pre-job brief that a job is unsafe
- Experiencing uncertainty, confusion or doubt
- Encountering unanticipated changes in conditions
- Conflict or inconsistencies exist between plans, rules, procedures, instructions, and actual conditions
- Confusion or concerns are identified
- You or others think or say the following words and phrases: "Probably, I assume, I think, Maybe, Should be, Not sure, We've always, I'm 90% certain"





## Behaviors are Influenced

 Organizational values, programs, processes and job site conditions

 What is encouraged and reinforced





## Safety No Natural Feedback Mechanism



## Who are Safety Leaders?

Board Members, CEO, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Managers

**Engineers** 

**Supervisors** 

**Workers** 

**Trainees/apprentices** 

Anyone in the organization



## **Key Skill Set**

- Lead by example
- Engage people
- Communicate effectively
- Coach consistently



- 1. See something?
- 2. Say something ...ask how job is goingListen!
- 3. Talk about safety:
  - ☐ Safe work practices (2 or 3)

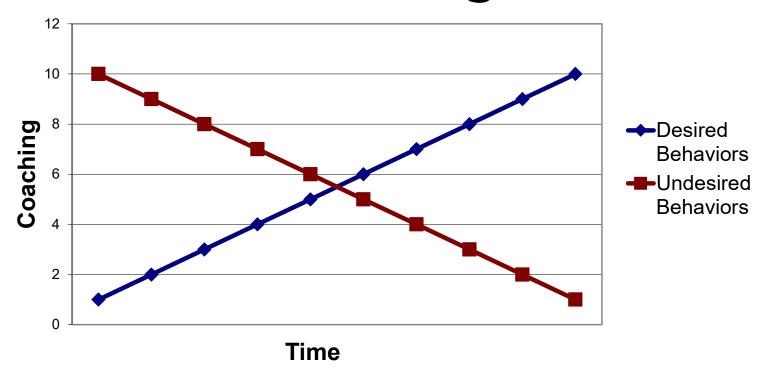


- ☐ Improvement opportunities or concerns (if any)
- 4. Give thanks and summarize

See Something ... Say Something!

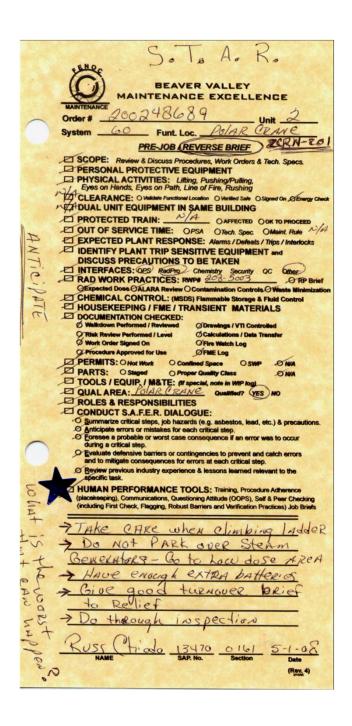


## The Importance of Coaching



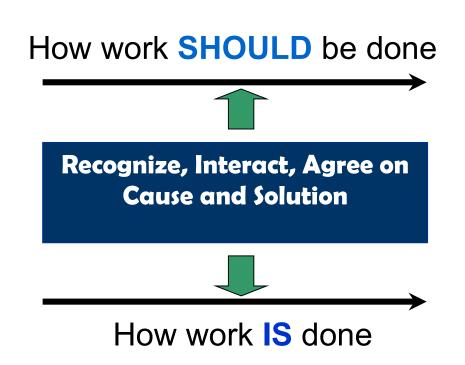
"People achieve high levels of performance based largely on the encouragement and reinforcement received from leaders, peers and subordinates" INPO

What If?
Russ Chiodo
had not
performed a
good pre-job
brief...





# People doing things that can be improved





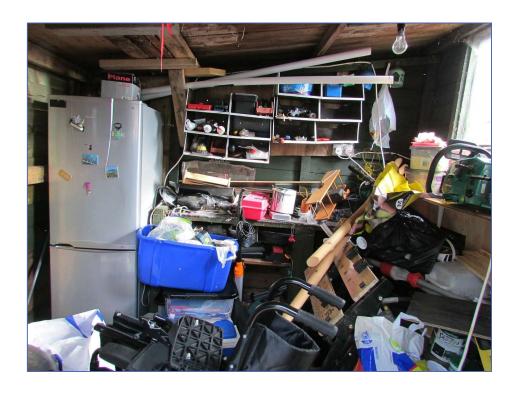


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☐ Office Safety		
☐ Housekeeping and FME		
☐ Radworker Practices		
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## What If? **Nancy Penar** did not speak up and talk about a safety hazard...



# **Conditions Challenging Personnel or Equipment**





Recognize, Agree on Cause and Solution

What If? Rob Smith did not take action to Correct an Unsafe Job Site **Condition?** 

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#### Shawn Williams

Coaching Safety & Radiation Safety Work Practices

Shawn.

Your efforts to improve Safety and Human Performance at Beaver Valley Power Station are greatly appreciated.

As indicated in this KIP Human Performance
Observation, the implementation Human Performance
Tools [Briefings, Communication Skills, Procedure
Use, Self-Checking (STAR), Peer Checking and a
Good Questioning Attitude] are vital in improving
Safety and Human Performance at our station.

You have set a great example for your peers to emulate in utilizing these skills. We urge you to not only continue exercising these skills, but also to encourage your fellow workers to practice them as well at work and at home.

On behalf of our Plant Safety Committee and Human Performance Leadership Team, thank you for your personal effort and commitment to Keep Improving Performance 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week, 365 Days a Year!

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Safe and Event-Free Performance



# Three Levels of Culture



- 1. What can be seen– visual cues?
- 2. Behaviors observed and reinforced.
- 3. Safety culture drivers











# Example Cultural Factors with Average Survey Scores

Survey Questions were assigned a cultural factor.

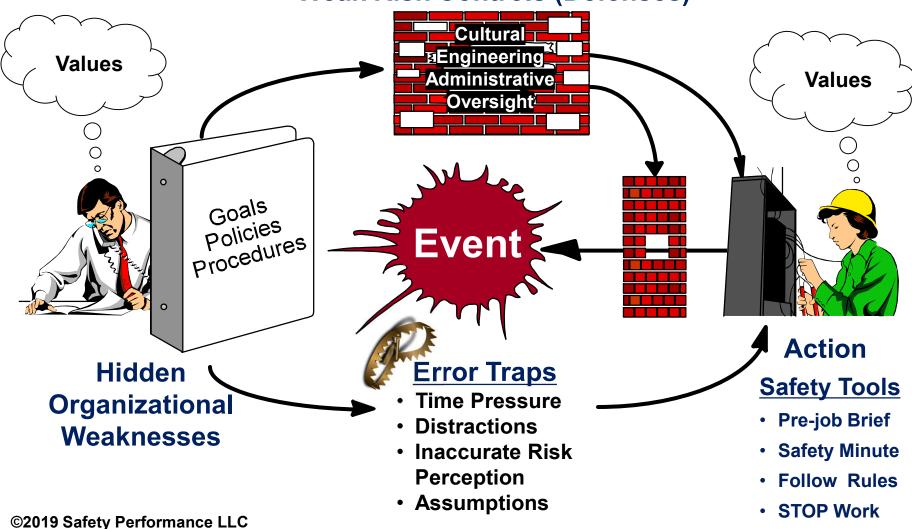
Average scores for each factor are shown.

The average of the 5 Cultural Factors that leads to Safety Results is 3.67.





#### **Weak Risk Controls (Defenses)**





	Hazard Control Hierarchy	Examples	Risk Reduction
Hazard Risk Analysis	Cultural Controls	Personnel in excellent organizations practice safe work practices and safety performance tools rigorously, regardless of their perception of a task's risk and simplicity, how routine it is, and how competent the performer.	Risk Management Process
	Engineering Controls	<ul> <li>Redesign system or process</li> <li>Physical interlocks</li> <li>Improve rigging &amp; lifting process</li> </ul>	Eliminate or Reduce hazard exposure
Hazard	- Elimination	<ul><li>Remove hazard (i.e., pinch point)</li><li>Repair damaged equipment</li></ul>	Eliminate Risk Exposure to Hazard
Mitigation Control	- Substitution	<ul><li>Substitute less hazardous chemical</li><li>Automatic vs. manual tools</li></ul>	Reduces Hazard Exposure
"Defenses"	<u>Isolation</u>	<ul><li>Guards / Stops</li><li>Presence sensing device</li><li>Fencing along a walkway</li></ul>	70%
	Warning	<ul><li>Alarms</li><li>Signs or labels</li><li>Barriers</li></ul>	30%
	Administrative Controls	<ul><li>Procedures (JHAs, Permits, etc.)</li><li>Training</li><li>Work Management</li></ul>	30%
	Oversight Controls	<ul><li>Planning / Risk Management</li><li>Observations and Coaching</li></ul>	10%
Safety	Team Behavior	<ul><li>Pre-job brief</li><li>Effective Communications</li><li>Self and Peer Check</li></ul>	10%
Performance — Tools	Individual Behavior / PPE	<ul> <li>Personal Protective Equipment</li> <li>Rules / Procedures Use and Adherence</li> <li>Safety Minute</li> <li>STOP Work</li> </ul>	10%



## (SP) Safety Performance

### **Traditional**

**OSHA Injury Rates** 

Lost Time / **Restricted Duty** 

**Focus on Job Site Conditions** 

Focus on the Individual



### A New View of Safety...

Improve Incident Reporting, Investigations and Trending

Focus on Risk
Reduction &
Exposure Control

Focus on Behaviors and Coaching

Use of Safety
Performance
Tools and
Defenses

Leadership
Consistently
Values the
Balance of Safety
& Production

Leading
"Proactive" Safety
Performance
Measures



## **Example of Obtaining Leadership Commitment to a Safety Strategic Plan**

## **Safety Performance Strategic** Plan **Director, Site Operations** Director, Maintenance Director, Performance Improvement **Director Engineering** Director, Outage & Work Management Site Vice-President

Sa	lfety Performance Strategic Plan
Our Vision	
Objectives for Safe Event-free focus to this initiative, as well	are committed to excellence in Safety & egy has been developed in support of the Strategic Plant Operation. An action plan has been developed to add as emphasize ownership and accountability. The signatures dividual's ownership and accountability to this plan.
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Superintendent, Unit	1 Operations
Superintendent, Unit 2	2 Operations
Manager Mainte	nance
Superintendent, Instru	ment & Control Maintenance
Superintendent, Elec	trical Maintenance
Superintendent, Meci	hanical Maintenance
Superintendent, F	Planning & Support
Superintendent, Mair	ntenance Services
Superintendent, FIN T	esm
Superintendent,	Nuclear Construction
Manager, Site Pro	jects
Manager, Nuclear Tra	lining
Chemistry Manager_	
Manager, Radiation P	Protection
Manager, Desir	gn Engineering
Manager, Plant & E	Equipment Engineering
Manager, Technica	d Services Engineering
Manager, Work Manag	gement
Manager, Outage Mana	agement
Manager, Site Protect	tion
Manager, Human R	esources
Manager, Regulatory	y Compliance



### **Develop a Safety Performance Strategic Plan**

- 1. Leadership Commitment
- 2. Current State
- 3. Desired State
- 4. Gaps to Excellence / Recommendations
- 5. Completed and Ongoing Actions
- 6. Action Plan

Examples: Pre-job risk assessments, communications, training, Hazard Mitigation Controls (Defenses), observation and coaching, recognition and rewards, audits, assessments, surveys and benchmarking.

7. Safety Performance Measures – Traditional and Leading



### **Example Safety Performance Strategic Plan**

Gaps / Recommendations	Actions Taken	Actions Planned	Proactive Performance Measures
Increase focus     on learning from     incidents	Reset the criteria to		1. Potential Significant Injury or Fatality Near Misses and trend analysis
	<ul> <li>Review and enhance the method/tools for investigation</li> <li>Improve and standardize corrective action process and</li> </ul>		
	method of communication to ensure learning is shared and issue is fixed everywhere it is applicable		



## Safety Performance Measures

#### **Traditional "Reactive"**

- Compliance driving the Safety program
- Low employee involvement
- Training heavily focused on technical aspects of job
- Focus on a single cause
- Correct the individual failure
- Narrowly apply solutions
- OSHA Recordable injuries
- Lost Time Accidents
- Worker Compensation Cost
- Regulatory violations

#### Leading "Proactive"

- · Leadership "Walk the Talk" Time
- Leaders motivating employees to own safety & go beyond minimal standards
- Recognition for use of Safety Performance Tools
- Focus on hazard exposure and risk
- Employees involved in developing and implementing safety & training programs
- Training includes technical and "soft" skills
- Focus on organizational root cause
- Correcting system / process deficiencies
- Recognize near misses or good catches
- Improvement opportunities
- Safety assessments
- Safety perception surveys



- The level of safety performance achieved is influenced by the collective behaviors of all individuals in the organization.
- People achieve high levels of safety performance based largely on the encouragement and reinforcement received from leaders, peers, and subordinates.

Every organization is perfectly aligned to get the results it gets!





#### HUMAN PERFORMANCE

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#### A Systematic Approach to SAFETY **PERFORMANCE**

By John F. Kowalski and John C. Summers

IN TODAY'S BUSINESS WORLD, success necessitates meeting havioral aspects include those by the individual as well as those more than the required minimum standards (regulations).
Safety performance is about individuals, leaders and the organization working together using safety (human) performance fundamentals and tools to protect personnel, property and the place (environment).

Safety has come a long way since the 1970s. For years, tra-ditional safety focused on separating individual pieces of the process to obtain results. A systemic approach to safety perfornance is fundamentally different from traditional safety in that it focuses on the safety process.

A high performing organization is grounded on five fundamental safety performance principles:

1) People make errors.

2) Organizational values and programs influence behaviors Behaviors are influenced by what is encouraged and rein-

4) Errors and risk can be reduced through the use of safety

5) Events can be eliminated through the use of defenses Senge (2006) defines system thinking as "a way of thinking about, and a language for describing and understanding, the forces and interrelationships that shape the

Systems thinking focuses on how people interact with the others in a system, "a set of elements that interact to produce behavior" (Aronson, 1996). Systems thinking expands its view to take into account increasingly larger numbers of behavior interactions (organization, leader, individual) in a system (the process) that produces desired results.

Each individual plays a key role in working together as part of the organization to achieve the desired safe results. The be-

KEY TAKEAWAYS This article provides a systematic thinking approach using human. The drift of the control and organizational performance fundamentals and analysis toch, dry without a lost-time indicate. With his permit, incident rate or and organizational performance. The techniques to improve safety performance. The techniques described, apply to individuals, leaders and the overall organization.

The authors present a sk-part model based on the plilosophy that it is some organizations, after an incident (event) the primary

to reduce errors and eliminate events of consequence, adequate human performance tools and defenses must be in place.

focus is on identifying what the person did or did not do that caused the event. Additionally, the cause is frequently identified

ous industries where applying the correct actions or focus on the individual. Dekker (2014) offers: methods leads to improved, consistent results.

supported and reinforced by the organization.

In all cases, individuals, leaders and the organization should

consistently strive for high safety performance standards. An aspect that plays a key part in what safety behaviors are em-ployed is the culture and subcultures of the organization. Simply stated, culture can be considered as "the way we do things around here."

To establish a proper perspective, consider that, according to

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS, 2018a; b) data, the rate of fatal-ities in the U.S. has almost leveled off (with a recent slight increase) while the rate of nonfatal injuries has steadily declined. Why do significant events, including injuries, continue to occur even though lower-level incident rates are declining? Some may answer that lower-level incidents are not being reported. Why could this be occurring? Possible reasons include:

•rewarding the consequence (i.e., low incident rates), which

indirectly encourages nonreporting:

\*creating a punishment atmosphere when lower-level events are reported

•not encouraging the reporting of lower-level incidents and

Leaders in many organizations tend to reward and recognize job results (production) and frequently overlook or take for granted the prevention behaviors necessary to safely complete the job. Additionally, production results are visible and establish natural feedback, whereas prevention behaviors get no natural feedback. For example, you wear a hard hat and safety glasses and shoes all day in a hot, humid environment. At the end of the workday, nothing happened. So, you might say, "I am really glad I wore this hard hat, safety glasses and shoes; they

caused me to sweat more, I probably lost some additional hair, and nothing happened that demonstrated these were needed."

The theory aspects are presented, as well as several real-life examas an "unsafe behavior" and opportunities for improvement

Do you try to understand why it made sense to do what s/he did? The worker probably did not come to assp.org NOVEMBER 2019 PROFESSIONAL SAFETY PSJ 43





work to do a bad job. If what s/he did made sense to him/her, it probably makes sense to others as well. That points to systemic conditions to examine.

If an assumption is made that individuals come to work to do their jobs, not to get hurt, then digging a little deeper to identify organizational factors that influence individual behaviors is warranted. In the worst possible scenario, the person performed the correct action, and a hidden (latent) flaw or problem existed, leading to the event. All the individ-ual behavioral change actions in the world will not improve this condition.

Peeling back the layers can lead to more important questions

. What about the behaviors of the leaders? •Does the investigation include review of the work situation that existed when the event or injury occurred?

. Does it include supervisor and manager follow-up to identi fy how they may have influenced (or did not influence) on-the

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\*Does the investigation include reviewing preparations for job performance, what job previews, hazard analysis, walk downs or prejob briefings occurred before work commenced?

•What previous operating experience, if any, existed before

this performance? •What was the focus of the job brief?

Often, the focus before and during the task is on what it takes to get the job done. High-reliability organizations also focus on what to avoid while achieving success. A site vice president at a nuclear power plant in northwest Ohio has great words to consider when briefing workers: "We have all the time necessary to perform the job correctly the first time, we just don't have any

#### Safety Performance Process Safety performance combines industrial safety, human per-

formance and organizational performance into one process to protect people, the property (plant) and place (environment).

The safety performance process has six key elements starting with organizational behaviors and rotating clockwise toward safe results (Figure 1). Simple-to-use programs, processes and procedures, and hazard risk analysis are vital parts of the safety performance process. However, they alone do not guarantee success. To be effective, the alignment of behaviors of the organization, leaders and individuals is needed. Each aspect of the safety performance process is outlined here.

#### Organizational Behaviors

Safety starts with the culture of the organization. Safety formance is management-sponsored and leadership-driven by the collective behaviors of the company, from the board of directors to the workers in the field.

After providing human performance training at a power sta tion in western Pennsylvania, training feedback was solicited from trainees, some of whom provided negative feedback. A meeting was held to discuss the subject material. During the meeting, the attendees huddled around one individual, a sea-soned worker and an informal leader who the workers respected. Attendees commented that they liked the training, but that their supervisors would not let them use the human performance techniques.

In the days that followed, after being asked several times to help lead the human performance effort, the informal lead-er finally agreed to help. With his leadership, the program thrived. Workers became involved with the process and made several suggestions to improve it. Workers also started to coach each other and apply safety performance tools more consistently. A key result was that errors decreased.

Every organization has leaders like this informal leader at all

levels of the organization. It is critical to identify and engage these leaders to improve safety performance.

While interacting with hundreds of companies and thousands of employees, the authors have often been asked, "How can we reduce errors?" After analyzing hundreds of consequential events, a few common themes usually appeared. First, individuals were not consistently applying appropriate error prevention tools. Second, and more importantly, defenses to protect against errors were either flawed or missing. On further investigation. the authors frequently identified an organizational weakness. If a program was in place to reduce errors and ensure defenses, it was inconsistently applied. Worst case, there was no program, no systematic approach, to protect individuals and the organization.

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## Thank You

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