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SAFETY NEVER TAKES A BREAK

Safety is personal. It isn't just something that comes from on high—from OSHA, or the company safety officer. Your safety is something that's of critical importance to your grandkids, kids, spouse, family, friends, co-workers, and the company. It doesn't matter how many safety signs are posted, or how often you attend Weekly Safety Meetings. Ultimately, **safety is about every decision you make every minute of the workday.** Sometimes safety is about how other people do their jobs. Safety professional and author, Don Merrell, wrote the following poem about the things that can haunt you when you decide not to speak up and remind co-workers to be safe.

I Chose to Look the Other Way

I could have saved a life that day,
But I chose to look the other way.
It wasn't that I didn't care,
I had the time, and I was there.

But I didn't want to seem a fool,
Or argue over a safety rule.
I knew he'd done the job before,
If I spoke up, he might get sore.

The chances didn't seem that bad,
I'd done the same, he knew I had.
So I shook my head and walked on by,
He knew the risks as well as I.

He took the chance, I closed an eye,
And with that act, I let him die.
I could have saved a life that day,
But I chose to look the other way.

Now every time I see his wife,
I'll know, I should have saved his life.
That guilt is something I must bear,
But it isn't something you need share.

If you see a risk that others take,
That puts their health or life at stake.
The question asked, or thing you say,
Could help them live another day.

If you see a risk and walk away,
Then hope you never have to say,
I could have saved a life that day,
But I chose, to look the other way.

—Don Merrell (dmerrell@hotmail.com)
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SAFETY REMINDER

**A Job Safety Analysis (or JSA) takes a little time.
The returns on that investment include fewer injuries,
increased awareness, and even better scheduling.**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

S.A.F.E. Cards® planned for this week _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____

Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

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