

GENERAL SAFETY – ITS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Most of us like to get our work done with the least amount of effort, and as quickly as possible. We all want to get the most out of the energy we use on the job. This is good because it often results in discovering newer and more efficient ways of getting our job done.

This energy-saving attitude can also be bad if we make a wrong decision and take dangerous shortcuts. All of us at some time or another have exposed ourselves to possible injury by taking a shortcut when, with a little extra effort, we could have done it safely.

For example, when we were kids, we took shortcuts by jumping the fence instead of using the gate. Now that we are adults, we do it by crossing the street between intersections. Why? Because we want to get there as quickly as possible and use the least amount of energy we can while doing it.

There is no doubt about it; **the safe way is not always the shortest or the quickest.** The safe way usually takes some extra effort while the unsafe way often appears to be more efficient at the time. When we are faced with these situations, each one of us will make a conscious decision about what action we will take next.

Remember, you always have a choice, but only you can decide to do it the safe way.

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