

2024-08-19 Doing the right thing

An old proverb states “the longest distance between two points is a shortcut”. While this isn’t always true, it applies to many things in our day to day activities. Whether it be driving to work, and you encounter an unexpected delay or roadblock, skip a step in a process and make a critical error, or don’t use all the safety equipment that you are issued and expected to wear and you or a coworker suffers an injury, this rings true in every walk of life.

So why is it the “right thing” to follow the proper procedures that are put in place you may ask? Policies and procedures are put into place to prevent mistakes and avoid errors that can be costly to an organization. These items are developed by a series of events that have happened, most of them repeatedly, that have incurred a cost of lost time from the jobsite or office. Events that can and will be prevented by following the correct procedures. Now this doesn’t mean that procedures cannot be changed if there is a logical and safe way to do it effectively and efficiently, however, history does seem to repeat itself.

Even if you are wearing the proper safety gear, if a coworker or other tradesperson isn’t, you could cause injury to someone else. I feel it’s all of our obligation to provide a safe environment for everyone to work in. After all, we all have someone to go home to and that’s what matters the most at the end of the day. These procedures are put in place and well communicated prior to anyone stepping foot on the jobsite or in the office for the first time. Accidents can and will happen, it’s the severity of the result that can be lessened by doing the right thing!

Have a safe and enjoyable workweek!

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