



Safety Theme - Tool Box

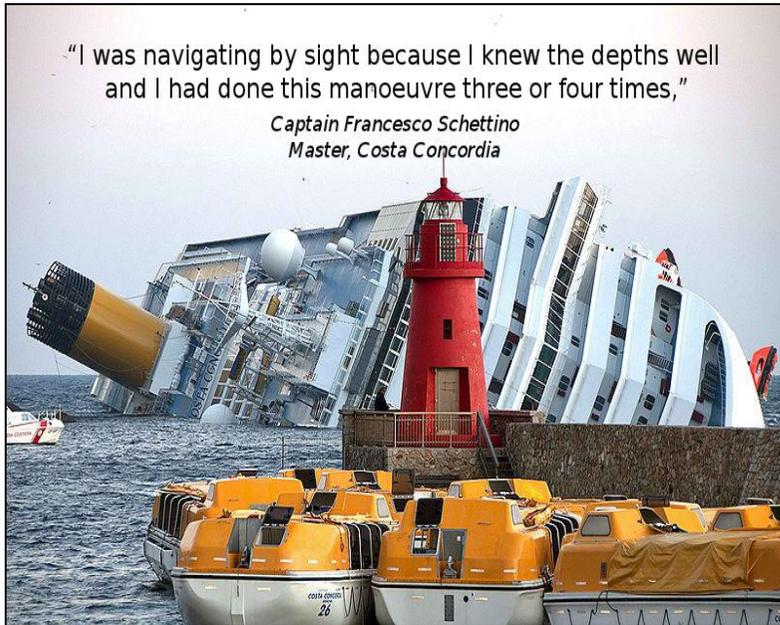
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THIS WEEKS THEME - *Complacency?*



The term complacency offers several definitions; perhaps the one most suitable (in the context of safety) is as follows, "a feeling of security, often while unaware of potential danger". Ironically, this feeling can develop from a perception that you work in a safe environment. An environment of few, if any, workplace incidents and when an incident does occur, it is often of a minor nature.

The message here is, never let your guard down. We maintain our safety by doing just that, maintaining it.



The ways we can maintain our safety:

-  We maintain a safe workplace by following established protocols and procedures.
-  We have daily safety meetings to discuss changes and potential hazards that develop from day to day on our worksites.
-  We wear the appropriate PPE for the task at hand.
-  We complete our hazard identification STAR cards or client equivalent before starting a task and then additional throughout the work day and put controls in place to mitigate risk.
-  We manage our "Zone of Control" on the worksite. Hazards identified, eliminated or controlled. Maintaining housekeeping and organization, their workers and/or mobile equipment coming into your work area.
-  We report any and all perceived or potential hazards on the worksite.
-  We report all near misses. When reported, we are able to collect information, identify trends, correct current problems, and prevent future incidents and injuries from happening.
-  We watch out for each other throughout the work day.

A level of safety in the workplace where incidents are a rare occurrence, does not guarantee future success, however it is an indication of a strong safety culture. It's up to all of us to never let our guard down. Continuous safety maintenance is the backbone of a strong safety culture and a truly safe workplace.

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