



# DOING IT RIGHT EVERY TIME: THE RIGHT SAFETY ATTITUDE

*HSE SAFETY MOMENTS*



# THE QUICK WAY OR THE RIGHT WAY?

A painter who is working on a ladder needs to paint a spot on the ceiling that is a little bit out of his safe reach.

**A) Should he choose to take the shortcut and stretch a little more than is safe for him so that he can paint without having to move the ladder?**



**OR**

**B) Should he choose to do it the right way and move the ladder to the spot where he can paint without having to compromise his safety?**





# BAD SAFETY ATTITUDES

Our painter may choose to take the shortcut and finish the job by stretching to paint the spot. He may be lucky to paint it without losing his balance. More likely however, leaning too far to the side will cause the ladder to topple and the painter to fall, resulting in a concussion, broken bones or even death.

Employees who take shortcuts instead of doing things the right way have a bad safety attitude. Shortcuts in the workplace can be very dangerous. They give us the wrong belief that we can get away with substituting the quick way for the right way. This attitude quickly leads to accidents in the workplace.

Such accidents can prove very costly to both the company and the injured worker. The injured employee suffers pain and lost productivity from his injuries. The company loses productive man-hours and income and also has to pay to treat the employee's injuries. Thus, it is in everyone's best interests to have the right safety attitude at all times.



# THE RIGHT SAFETY ATTITUDE

A good safety attitude is the best way to protect yourself and fellow employees from accidents. Doing things the right way every time ensures that everyone goes home safely to their loved ones at the end of the day.

## Good safety attitudes to imbibe include:

- ❑ Following the proper work procedures and doing things the right way **EVERY TIME**. There is always time to do it right.
- ❑ Keeping an eye out for occupational hazards while at work.
- ❑ Taking responsibility for any unsafe act or conditions you observe in the workplace. If you see it, **MAKE SURE YOU OWN IT**.
- ❑ Reporting any HSE problems that you cannot handle to your manager/supervisor for further assistance.
- ❑ Communicating any HSE issues and suggestions you might have to the Safety Department. It is everyone's responsibility to contribute to the growth and development of the company's HSE culture.