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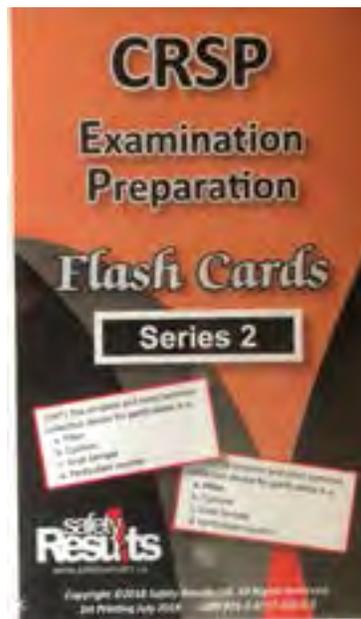
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## Silly Safety Dictionary

by Alan D. Quilley CRSP

I was fortunate enough to see the late great comedian, George Carlin perform live in Las Vegas and I loved his sense of humour about words. George's love of making fun of the words we use has inspired me to reflect on what and how we use our special "safety" vocabulary.

The irony of "safety" terms and lingo is that we seldom define them. The fuzziness of some of these terms adds to the confusion of us all when we write emails, memos and policy manuals or give lectures and talks. During the introduction portion of the many training sessions that I teach I usually take the time to define the "special" words I'm going to use. I think it's a good idea to enhance what I'm trying to communicate. Even the word "safety" is often not defined. Here are a few terms I find particularly confusing and sometimes misused. A good example is "Safety Awards". In most companies they are actually "lack of injury" or "You're a Good Ducker" Awards and have nothing to do with how safe the person was. I thought we could use a bit of a smile so let's continue and thank George for the many laughs and inspirations...I, for one, miss you!

**Safety** – Is safety the absence of all danger? Perhaps it means "doing things in a way that has NO risk"? Wow, now that would be impossible. Even staying home in bed has some risk. Is Safety doing things according to the rules? Oh to heck with it. You know what I mean...now put on your darn hard hat and safety glasses or I'll send you home! Now THAT'S SAFETY!

**Near Miss** -This typically means "near hit". The term "near miss" means whatever it was that might have caused you pain nearly missed you. Logically if it nearly missed you...it actually hit you. Anyway, we want people to tell us about these situations so we can make them fill in multiple page documents and force them to tell their story in front of their fellow workers describing how silly they were.

Embarrassment is the key to a good near miss reporting system. I know from experience that after I almost fell from a step ladder because I was on the top step, I couldn't wait to write the

details down for my boss and fellow workers so they could snicker at my unfortunate situation. Some workers are "lucky" enough that after they've filled in the forms in triplicate they may even be forced to talk about their very human mistake at company safety meetings for the next month. The best near misses are those that would have been lost time claims but because of our quick application of first aid we avoided a nasty trip to the Doctor for those unnecessary stitches. Thank goodness for those butterfly bandages! Wait! That would be a First Aid Injury! Just hold the sides of the wound closed with your fingers...it will clot soon enough on its own. You're not a "bleeder" are you?

The BIG plus to near misses is that when we make our accidents into "near misses" we don't have to change the sign at the entrance to the plant that says we've worked "2.3 gazillion person hours without an accident". We may even get our "safety jackets" again this year! As everyone knows, if we don't have to change the sign, the "SAFETY" Program must be working!

**Safety Meeting** – A meeting nobody wants to go to. It is often associated with free donuts to bribe workers and managers to come. These are often cancelled due to "production" pressures. They are ideal places to get a few winks before your busy day. Hopefully someone will make you sign somewhere that you were actually in attendance so we can prove our "due diligence". Nothing like reading to the crew for the 15th time the MSDS for gasoline! Wait, have we already talked about that! Never mind just put it in the minutes! One last thing, safety meetings are ideal events to embarrass our fellow workers by making them talk about their injuries and near misses.



**Safety Committee** – Sometimes called a Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee, this is simply a group of people who couldn't avoid being volunteered as members. These committees usually meet once a month to talk about other people's problems. Most Safety Committees have no track record of ever successfully solving any problems. We get around this lack of performance by suggesting that these groups of people are "advisory only". This is short for "not accountable for anything". It's not surprising that they never accomplish anything because they normally have no budget to do anything that is effective.

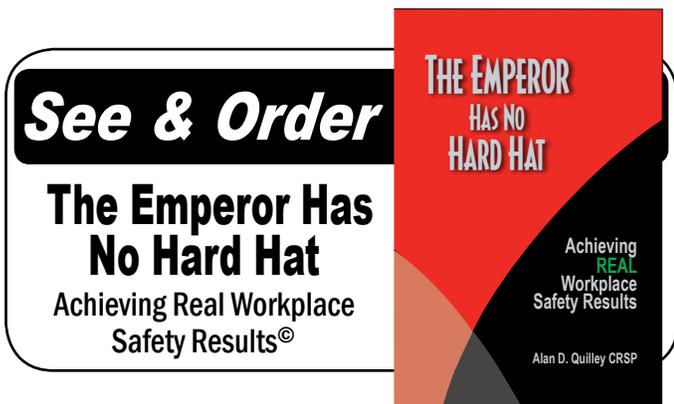
The Safety Committee meetings go much smoother if safety practitioners bring graphs and ask us which safety trinket awards we should give out. The last meeting I attended I voted for the "safe driving award" travel mug because the distraction of eating and drinking while we drive is NUMBER ONE! Why wouldn't we encourage our fellow employees to drive distracted? I actually wanted the one that said "Don't drive using your cell phone". Now THAT'S ironic! Next month we talk about installing GPS devices in all our vehicles with an embossed "Don't Drive Distracted" warning...I can't wait!

**Safety Rule Book** – A pocket size "book of don'ts" given to workers on their first day of employment (usually without the required time to read the book or ask any questions that they may have). Other than on that first day of employment this book can be used when we catch someone doing something wrong. This is usually after an accident. The most

frequently used last page of the safety rule book asks folks to date and sign somewhere (on a removable sheet) swearing that as a new employee we know and understand ALL of these many rules. Failing to do so means we'll lose our job. These forms will be stored in the "due diligence" box until further notice or our lawyer calls and tells us that we're being prosecuted. Of course, we hope the Judge won't actually ask any of our workers if they were given the time to do what they have signed that they would do. WHEW!

**Orientation DVD** – This is a relatively new safety device. Not every employer has one yet. It's been designed to replace the Safety Orientation Video (which of course replaced the Safety Orientation 16 mm movie). These DVDs usually open with a spinning company logo special effect which would put the final battle scenes of Spiderman III to shame. Then the company CEO, while looking directly at the teleprompter, states that "Our people are our most valuable resource and here at OUR Company OH&S is #1". Most DVDs then go on to tell the new employee or contractor a list of as many critical knowledge points as we can fit into 20 minutes. If you take the time to count them you'll find over 300 things in your company's DVD. If you can't find a copy there's probably one in the box marked "due diligence" with the new employee signed forms. I sure hope the Judge doesn't count how many things we actually thought a new employee would retain in the first 20 minutes of their employment.

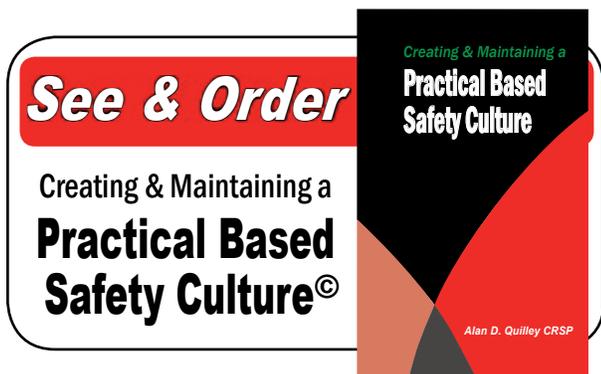
**"I knew a guy who"** – These are great devices that if used properly don't require any truth or accuracy. They are best told with passion about a nonexistent friend or buddy, perhaps a cousin who this "actually happened to". Exploding lighters causing death and melted contact lens to welders' eyes are some of my favorites from the past. Use them freely and often. It's best to pass these information devices on immediately after you receive the "confirmed" email from a colleague. I really like the ones that happened in another province/state where the supervisor went to jail for 6 months...this one can create a wonderfully stressful effect on supervisors who really would rather not get a new roommate and



dress in orange coveralls with “Property of the Provincial/County Jail” stenciled on the back.

**Lost Time Claim** – Any worker injury where we couldn’t justify bringing them back to work right after the injury. Darn multiple fractures and uncooperative Doctors. If we could only fit a stretcher into the tool room so that they could sign out tools for the next eight weeks! Lost time claims can be used to measure how safe your company is. Wait, actually no, they can’t and it has nothing really to do with how safe your company is...but that’s for another article.

In the meantime, please do all you can to promote the miscommunication in and around “safety” discussions...after all it’s really our tradition! Most importantly, let’s just keep smiling! We’ll get these things right eventually.



## **CSSE Edmonton Chapter CRSPEX Study Group Sessions**

The next Edmonton CSSE Chapter 2018 Study Group Sessions has been scheduled for September 5 - October 13. Registration for the study group opens two to three weeks prior to the start date. For additional information about the group, please contact Trevor Johnson at [tjohnson@systemera.ca](mailto:tjohnson@systemera.ca)

### **On The Net**

From Linked In:

***Giving a Presentation? Remember the One Thing Most Presenters Forget***

From COS Magazine:

***Construction, oil and gas associations develop new policy model for impairment***

From Energy Safety Canada:

***Policy model offers guidance on workplace impairment to safety-sensitive industries***

From COS Magazine:

***BCRSP adds new safety certification***

From EHSToday:

***At-Home Safety: Preventing Child Heatstroke in Cars***

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