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Why is Continued Safety Education Important?

Safety pros or those who have safety responsibilities at work should never stop learning. There are always new hazards and best practices that come to light. Workplaces and work processes are dynamic and getting buy-in from others in the workplace is never an easy task.

By educating yourself on an ongoing basis, you can develop competency in many facets that can significantly impact the odds of success throughout your career. Being competent and confident in your role helps to get others on board when it comes to making improvements in the safety program.

Getting Buy-In for Safety Improvement Through Competency

Understanding the OSHA regulations is arguably one of the easiest parts of a safety pro's job. That is because these regulations are black and white. They tell you what you **MUST** do and what cannot be done. It is straightforward in the grand scheme of things.

Understanding how to implement solutions to not only comply with OSHA regulations but more importantly, to reduce the exposure to injuries to occur is the more difficult part of the job. This is because there are many factors to consider before moving forward.

These factors include:

- Time constraints
- Budget constraints
- Lead times for tools, equipment, personnel, etc.
- Ownership willingness to invest in a specific solution.
- Personnel training and education
- Personnel receptiveness to the change

When you identify a safety concern or problem, you should always strive to bring feasible solutions to address the problem.

By clearly communicating the issues and possible solutions that consider the above factors, the other stakeholders around you will be more likely to be more open to the discussion brought forward regarding changes or improvements.

Competency leads to efficiency.