



PERSONAL RISK FACTORS

Safe Behavior and Choices: Cause and Effect

Over the last few decades, the construction industry has experienced huge improvements in safety practices, yet we still have injuries and fatalities occurring every day. Countless studies have tied risk-taking behavior to incorrect perceptions and unacceptable tolerance of safety risk.

Think of this as individuals taking risks because they do not understand the enormity of an effect related to that risk. This can also be true for the simple reason that that an individual has not experienced it before.

To complicate things further, there are also positive correlations between safety risk perceptions and different emotional states. This translates to an increased risk threshold with increased emotional status. We all have thoughts in the back of our head regarding work/life balance, but can they put us in harm’s way?

Discussion Questions

How can you verbalize why someone else should work safely?

Do you know how a workplace injury could affect you and your family?

