

SAFETY NOTE:

The greatest hazard we face in the workplace is our indifference to unsafe acts. In my workshop we discuss the hazard of not saying something to our co-workers, family member or neighbor when we see them putting themselves at risk. The following poem is one that has been around a while and I hope you will share this with your work group, family, friends and neighbors.

If you want to improve your safety effectiveness at work and home consider scheduling my Hazard Recognition and Control Workshop in your workplace. For more information:
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Be Safe!

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I Chose to Look the Other Way

I could have saved a life that day, but I chose to look the other way. It wasn't that I didn't care, I had time, and I was there.

I didn't want to seem a fool, or argue over a safety rule. I knew he'd done the job before, if I called it wrong he might get sore.

The chances didn't seem that bad, I've done the same and he knew I had. So I shook my head and walked on by, he knew the risks as well as I.

He took the chance; I closed an eye, and with that act, I let him die. I could have save a life that day, but I chose to look the other way.

Now every time I see his wife, I'll know, I should have save his life. That guilt is something I must bear, but it isn't something you need to share.

If you see a risk that others take, that puts their health or life at stake, the question asked or thing to say could help them live another day.

If you see a risk and walk away, then hope you never have to say...

"I could have saved a life that day, but I chose to look the other way."

- Anonymous