

Safety Moment of the Week

Do Not Become Complacent!

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What is complacency in the workplace?

Employees become accustomed to doing things in a certain way and grow oblivious to the hazards that may be present around them. With **complacency** there is a sense of numbness that develops to hazards.

Most incidents are caused by unsafe acts. But what happens to one's own unsafe behavior? If you read between the lines of incident reports, you may see that workers involved in the incidents had become complacent about safety. When workers begin to work in auto-pilot mode, and stop paying attention to what they are doing, it can lead to taking short cuts and taking risks.

If employees aren't thinking about what could go wrong every day, all day while they work, they are not completing the task safely. Workers need to be trained to think ahead as they approach each task and consider:

- *What they are working with*
- *What they will be doing*
- *Where they will be going*
- *What could go wrong*



We encourage you to inspect equipment, procedures and the hazards that may exist. Focus physically and mentally on your work, no matter how many times you may have done the same job in the past.