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Should You Protect or Guard Against Stupidity?

Many discussions are taking place about guarding, and all too often we hear the comment “*You cannot protect or guard workers against stupidity*”. As a business owner today, I have come to the realization that being proactive and guarding against stupidity is not only a good business decision but a key to survival and profitability in today’s economy.

Think about the statement “**You cannot guard against stupidity**”. Now let’s look at a scenario where a worker was severely injured as a result of an act of stupidity.

- Does the accident investigation stop?
- Do the Safety Inspectors mark on their reports – “Stupidity” and walk away?
- Is the injured worker and family members any better off because it was an act of stupidity?
- Are the effects and subsequent costs to the company any different because it was an act of stupidity?

The answer to each of these questions is “NO”. In most if not all situations the investigation will conclude, that preventative measures (guarding) should have been in place to avoid such injuries, and ultimately the effects on the injured worker and related costs to the company will be the same.

Now the question becomes “*How do you guard against stupidity*”. Safety is not a department; it is an attitude, a mindset that must include provisions for the acts of poor decision making and stupidity. Remember Murphy’s Law – “Anything that can go wrong will go wrong eventually”. Guarding should be thought of as an insurance policy, a necessary cost that ensures your workers as well as your bottom line, are safe. Where there is a hazard, there should be a guard. The only true way to guarantee worker safety is to **STAY AWAY – STAY SAFE**.

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