BEST PRACTICE

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TITLE

Workplace hazard awareness

ARTICLE

Description

A serious incident on a live rail site and a subsequent panel of enquiry identified the need to educate drivers about anticipating, recognising and minimising risk whilst at work, and in particular, on hazardous customer locations such as airports, live rail sites, fuel depots and major highways. Driver skills needed improving to enable them to recognise when hazards and risk factors were potentially coming to a critical turning point Œ ,an incident waiting to happen™.

The company devised a simple traffic light system •The Rule of Three• which ensured that problems and potential risks are identified and dealt with prior to an incident.

GREEN Œ No problems

AMBER Œ Proceed with caution

RED Œ STOP WORK!!!

Where a driver experiences three AMBER conditions it automatically triggers a RED (stop work). With the improved knowledge of managing out-risk the driver can quickly improve a risky situation to a GREEN Œ safe situation.

A training package which uses actual examples such as the live rail incident has been developed. 12 Drivers are taken, split into teams of three, to answer searching and thought provoking questions about the risks identified in each workplace situation. By getting the teams of drivers to think ahead and manage their every day risk situations, the simple traffic light system allows them to decide when to stop work, when to mitigate hazards and when to proceed safely.

Site Safety Observation booklets have also been introduced which cover a simple •5 Point Risk Assessment• to encourage the driver to question what they are doing and the safety of continuing:

Identify the hazards

Decide who might be harmed and how

Evaluate the risks and decide on the precautions

Implement findings and record them

ARTICLE IMAGES