



# How Personal Stories Can Support Safety Training

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## Personal Stories: Overview

- Personal stories can help make multiple points about safe behavior
- Training techniques
  - Pair and share using acetone/acid waste example
  - Popcorn response to dry ice/acetone example
  - Holy crap! Lead azide example



## Personal Story: Pair and Share Method

- Acid/Acetone Scenario example:

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What are some of the causes of the incident?

- Poor Labelling
- Lack of training
- Not understanding the hazard
- Language barrier
- Others?



## Personal Stories: Popcorn Method

- Dry Ice/Acetone Example:

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- New employee - training
- Written SOP
- Slow down
- Ask for help



# Personal Story: To Make a Point

## Container Labelling

- Lead Azide Example



## Personal Stories: Final Thoughts

- Be sure you know your audience
- Authentic examples are most effective
- Hone in on the points you want to make
- Use different training techniques to engage your audience





Personal Stories: Fin

Questions?