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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   ➢ Poor Labelling
   ➢ Lack of training
   ➢ Not understanding the hazard
   ➢ Language barrier
   ➢ Others?
• Dry Ice/Acetone Example:
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Personal Stories: Popcorn Method

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  ➢ New employee - training
  ➢ Written SOP
  ➢ Slow down
  ➢ Ask for help
Container Labelling

- Lead Azide Example

Personal Story: To Make a Point
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?