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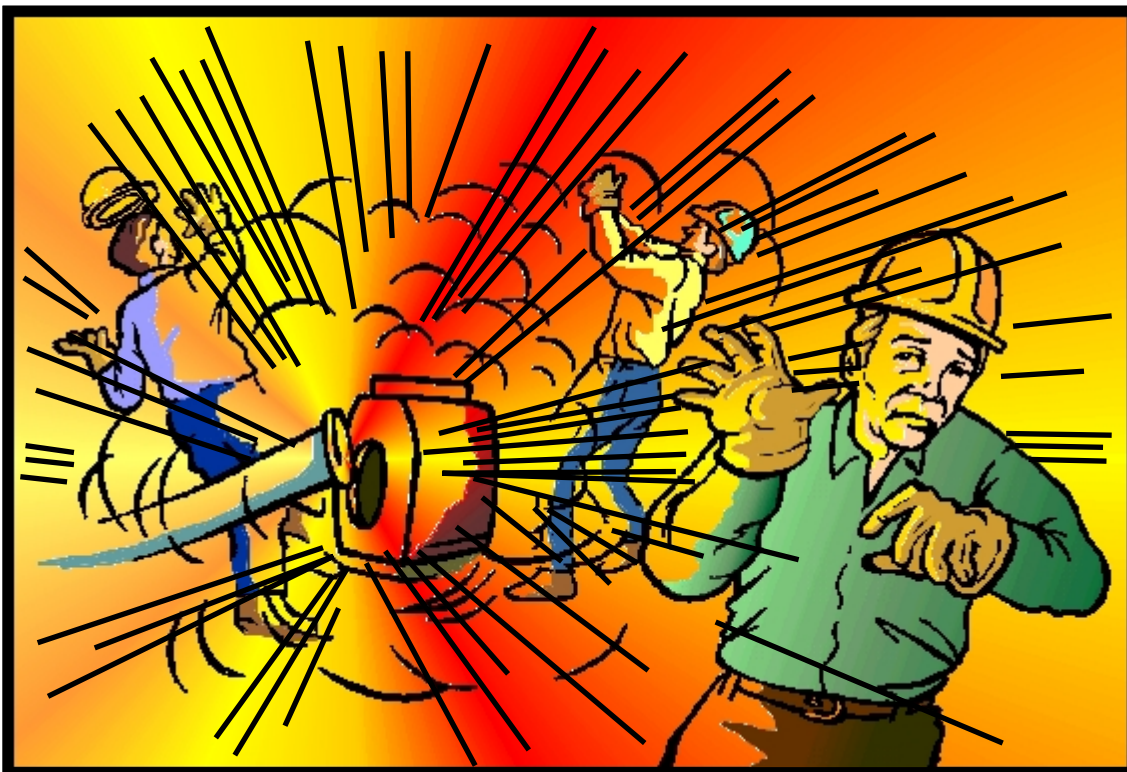
When you take a shortcut while traveling on the road to your destination, it may save you some time, but when you take a shortcut in safety, it might buy you some time in the hospital or funeral home.

A crew of pump mechanics had just punched out for the day, but before leaving the parking lot, they were stopped by their supervisor and told to come back to the job to remove an acid pump from a unit. This job was high priority and couldn't wait until tomorrow. These workers now had to shift their thoughts from going home and doing things with their families, to going back to work and performing a task. All of these workers were experienced and knew the safety procedures for performing this task but their thoughts were distracted and, to save time, they took some shortcuts in safety. These shortcuts resulted in an explosion causing two fatalities and several critical and very serious injuries.

Some of the safety shortcuts that were taken to save time were:

1. Workers started their work without a completed safe work permit.
2. Pre-task walkthrough with operations was not completed properly.
3. Work was not properly locked out before starting the task.
4. This task called for full body acid resistant suits for protection and breathing air, but workers were told to half suit only and start the job.
5. Workers were not wearing proper PPE for the job.
6. The rescue plan did not include having the acid neutralizer available in case of contact with the acid.

These are just a few examples of the shortcuts in the safety procedures that were taken by a group of workers who knew better. They thought that they were working on a pump that was already off line, but



in fact, there was a valve that was overlooked which was not properly closed so the pump was still on line. If they would have been focused on safety first instead of how quickly they could do this job maybe they would have realized that **SAFETY SHORTCUTS CAN KILL!!** We learn by our mistakes and sometimes the results are tragic.

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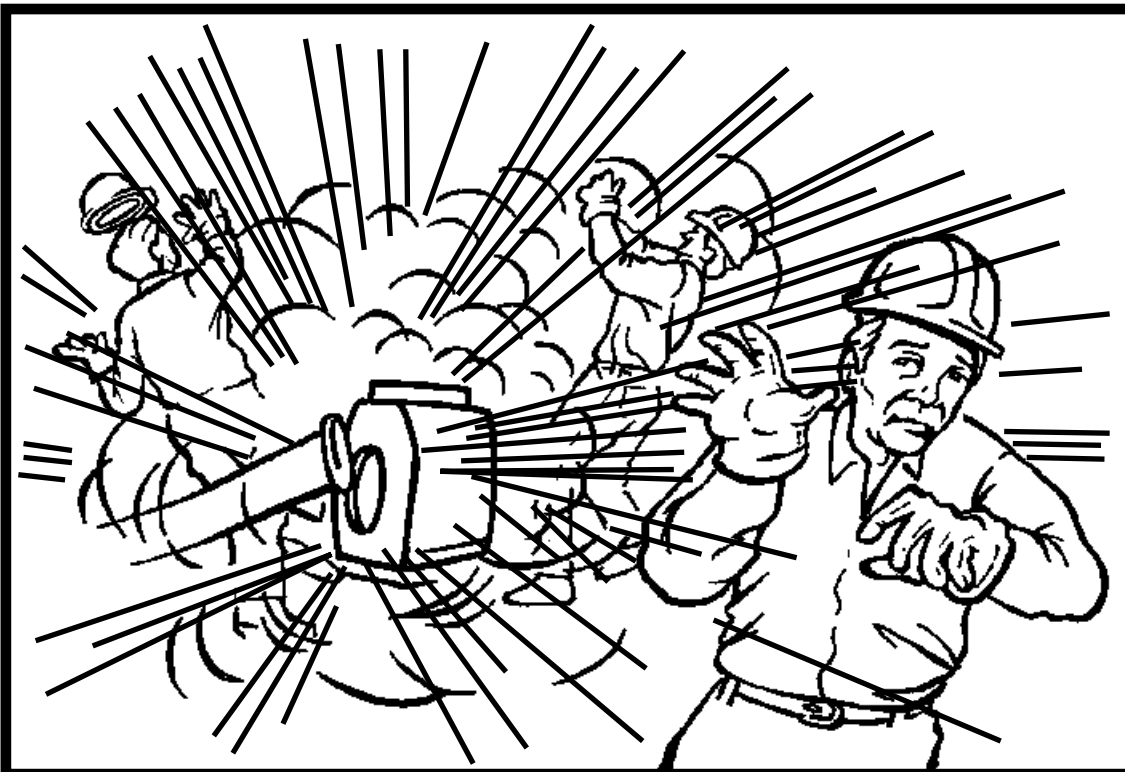
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