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The Jeff Walters Story
(Concise)

**Leader's Guide, Fact Sheet
& Quiz**

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This easy-to-use Leader's Guide is provided to assist in conducting a successful presentation.

PREPARING FOR THE MEETING

Here are a few suggestions for using this program:

- a) Review the contents of the Fact Sheet that immediately follows this page to familiarize yourself with the program topic and the training points discussed in the program. The Fact Sheet also includes a list of Program Objectives that details the information that participants should learn from watching the program.
- b) If required by your organization, make an attendance record to be signed by each participant to document the training to be conducted.
- c) Prepare the area and equipment to be used for the training. Make sure the watching environment is comfortable and free from outside distractions. Also, ensure that participants can see and hear the TV screen or computer monitor without obstructions.
- d) Make copies of the Review Quiz included at the end of this Leader's Guide to be completed by participants at the conclusion of the presentation. Be aware that the page containing the answers to the quiz comes before the quiz itself, which is on the final page.

CONDUCTING THE PRESENTATION

- a) Begin the meeting by welcoming the participants. Introduce yourself and give each person an opportunity to become acquainted if there are new people joining the training session.
- b) Introduce the program by its title and explain to participants what they are expected to learn as stated in the Program Objectives of the Fact Sheet.
- c) Play the program without interruption. Upon completion, lead discussions about your organization's specific policies regarding the subject matter. Make sure to note any unique hazards associated with the program's topic that participants may encounter while performing their job duties at your facility.
- d) Hand out copies of the review quiz to all of the participants and make sure each one completes it before concluding the training session.

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FACT SHEET**

LENGTH: 10 MINUTES

PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:

This program combines testimonials, a live presentation and reenactments to teach important safety lessons. Jeff Walters, a young newlywed, was more interested in earning the respect of his co-workers than being concerned for his own safety. He saw a broken limit switch on a 19-foot elevated conveyor as his opportunity to impress his co-workers with his abilities and willingness to do whatever it takes to get a job done. After climbing onto the conveyor without doing a lockout or wearing fall protection, Jeff fell 19 feet to a concrete floor when the conveyor started unexpectedly. In this program, Jeff talks about his poor decisions that day and how they continue to impact him and his family. This program teaches the critical safety lesson that risk-taking is never worth it and that any supposed reward of a shortcut is only a facade.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

After watching the program, the participant will be able to explain the following:

- What horrible decisions Jeff made that led to his fall;
- How Jeff's wife reacted when she was notified of his incident;
- How the decisions you make on the job affect every aspect of your life;
- What lessons can be learned from Jeff's incident.

INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT:

JEFF'S HORRIBLE DECISIONS LEAD TO HIS 19-FOOT FALL

- Jeff was 22 years old and had worked at a fiberboard plant for two years. He returned to the plant after a two or three-day shutdown and began to work long hours.
- When the limit switch fell off of a conveyor, Jeff should have gone up and down four flights of steps to the electrical room to lockout the breaker on the conveyor, put the limit switch on, unlock the conveyor and then let the system run.
- Instead, Jeff asked John, a co-worker, to push and hold the stop button while he went out on the conveyor to put the limit switch on. "I'll go up, remount the limit switch, be back done in five minutes."
- "I climbed out on the conveyor and the belt was about 18 inches wide," says Jeff. "I sat down on the conveyor belt and I grabbed the limit switch."
- When the belt started running at over 100 feet per minute, Jeff was slammed into a wall that was directly in front of him. His legs went between the six-inch gap between the wall and the conveyor, and then everything stopped.
- Jeff says that he tried to regain his composure, but couldn't see John.
- When he pushed back against the wall with his hands, the conveyor started again. "This time, it threw me against the wall," says Jeff.
- "I fell 19 feet to a concrete floor. I'm laying there on the floor and I don't know if anybody even knows I'm there," he continues. John thought that Jeff hadn't gone out on the conveyor yet and didn't realize he had fallen.
- "So I'm laying on the floor and I'm yelling. I'm trying to get up, but I can't because my body won't let me. I physically can't get up and I stayed there for what I thought was a long time, and finally people started responding," Jeff says.
- When his co-workers arrived, Jeff could hear them talking about his fall, and what they were saying sounded a lot worse than what he thought had happened.

JEFF'S WIFE IS NOTIFIED OF HIS INCIDENT

- Jeff's wife, who worked about five miles from the plant, was notified of the incident just as she was leaving work and rode in the front of the ambulance on the way to the hospital.
- "That one phone call, men, that you do not want your wife to receive, or ladies, that you do not want your husband to receive, is a phone call that says, 'there's been an accident'," Jeff says.
- "This particular day, the phone rings at work and it is one of the secretaries from the place where he worked at that point," says Jeff's wife. The secretary said she had some bad news, that Jeff had been in an accident.

- “She was telling me that there had been an accident, that Jeff had fallen and that I needed to come to him. So, I left work, went to the plant where he worked and they were going to transport him to the hospital,” his wife says. “And I could tell by the look on Jeff’s face that things were not very good, that he was in a lot of pain.”
- “I rode with him to the hospital and you know, I’m hearing all of the vital signs and what had happened and them calling into the hospital. That was very scary,” she adds.
- Jeff says that although the ambulance ride was physically uncomfortable because of the backboard and all the injuries he had, his wife’s was equally traumatic but in a different way. “Hers was more psychological and it was almost a state of panic because she had seen the condition that I was in and saw physically what I was going through.”
- “And then for 45 minutes, she had to listen to the lingo of the ambulance and the hospital talking about the obvious problems that they knew were problems, but also about the possible neck injuries and the back injuries and not knowing what the long-term effect would be. So, it actually made her trauma even worse. It compounded it for her,” he continues.
- “Then we get to the hospital and it’s more of the same. She can’t see me then; it’s a long time before she knows what’s going on and nobody can give her an answer as to whether I’m going to live or die or what my permanent condition is going to be, if I’ll ever walk again, or what our life together could possibly be like,” Jeff says.
- Their reverend visited the hospital and Jeff’s wife thanks him for coming.

JEFF & HIS WIFE LEARN THE EXTENT OF HIS TRAUMATIC INJURIES

- “The next day, the doctor comes in, and this is one of the most traumatic things that has ever happened to me, probably the most traumatic,” Jeff says. “When the doctor comes into my room, he didn’t have a whole lot of bedside manner.”
- After Jeff’s wife tells the doctor they’ve been waiting since the previous day to find out what was going on, the doctor says, “These things take some time to sort out. Seems your husband’s a very lucky man, but does have some serious injuries.”
- Jeff’s wife asks if he’s going to be okay and the doctor replies, “he has two severely sprained ankles, but no fractures. So those should heal with time, but he does have a broken coccyx and several fractured vertebrae in his lower back.”
- When Jeff’s wife asks about his back being broken and if it will be okay, the doctor says it would be okay in time after several weeks of therapy and having to wear a brace. “But what we’re really concerned about is his left arm. It’s shattered into a million pieces.”
- Jeff and his wife ask if the arm can be pinned, but the doctor responds, “There’s nothing to pin it to. I mean, it’s shattered like a million pieces; it looks like grains of sand, but I don’t know what we can do for it yet. When we have options, we’ll let you know.”
- “When the doctor told me that my arm was shattered into a million pieces and it looked like grains of sand,” says Jeff, “the first thing that went through my mind was ‘What am I going to do to support my family? Am I going to be able to work?’ If I couldn’t use my arm, I couldn’t work.”
- “Jeff’s income stopped the day he fell. He was the provider, he was the caretaker and now, because of this one decision that he made, he had changed our life, maybe forever,” adds his wife.
- Jeff doesn’t think people think about their families when they make quick decisions at work because they don’t believe anything is going to happen to them. “It’s not because they don’t care about their family or their loved ones,” he says. “They do, but they really don’t think the risk they’re taking is going to affect them or that they’re going to get hurt. I’m here to tell you, they can get hurt.”
- “The reality is, the decisions that you make don’t just affect you,” notes Jeff’s wife.

CONCLUSIONS

- “From my story I want people to take the understanding that shortcuts and taking chances, they’re not worth it,” says Jeff.
- “I’m so proud of Jeff and the stand that he’s taken on safety,” his wife says. “He is very enthusiastic and excited about sharing his story, not only the tragedy but the victory, in making sure that one person at a time, one worker at a time, one action at a time, people stop and think about what they’re getting ready to do. Do the right thing and take the time so that your life doesn’t change, because it can in an instant.”
- “My message to you this evening is this: you and I, we have the talent, the ability, and the courage to prevent peoples’ lives from being shattered into a million pieces,” Jeff concludes.

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ANSWERS TO THE REVIEW QUIZ

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4. a

5. a

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REVIEW QUIZ

The following questions are provided to determine how well you understand the information presented in this program.

Name _____ Date _____

1. Which of the following is a shortcut that Jeff made leading up to his accident?
 - a. He neglected to wear fall protection equipment
 - b. He didn't lock out the conveyor
 - c. Both of the above

2. Why did Jeff take the shortcuts when performing his job?
 - a. He wanted to impress his coworkers
 - b. He was in a hurry to get home
 - c. Both of the above

3. According to Jeff, he would have lost the respect of his coworkers even if he had been successful, because they knew it wasn't the right thing to do.
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. According to Jeff, why don't most people think about their families when they make quick decisions at work?
 - a. They don't think the risk they're taking is going to affect them
 - b. They don't care if they get hurt
 - c. They don't care about their families or loved ones

5. The ride in the ambulance to the hospital was just as traumatic for Jeff's wife as it was for Jeff.
 - a. True
 - b. False