



# SAFETY CORNER



## SAFETY DISCUSSION

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We are in December now and here comes the holidays! While it is important to recognize our accomplishments throughout the year, milestones hit, records set – it is imperative that we Don't Celebrate Too Early!

You may have seen the “fail” video of the bicyclist who take his hands off the handlebars when he is mere yards away from the finish line only to crash and be passed by the rider that was in 2nd place.

Then there is the distance runner from the University of Oregon that starts waving his arms to hype up the crowd as he gets passed within the last few feet by the University of Washington runner and ends up losing the race.

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There will also be many distractions from now through the end of the year. We have Thanksgiving behind us. We're coming up on holidays, holiday parties, company parties, friend get-togethers, increased traffic and travel, you name it. Our stress levels will increase, our tempers may be triggered quicker. What we take in stride now may seem colossal in a couple of weeks.

**The key is to stay focused.**

Keep your eye on not only the proverbial finish line, but the path that will take you there. Take your time during the Job Safety Analysis or Pre-Task meeting to truly discuss the plan for the day, those hazards that can hurt us and how we will continue to go home to the ones we love and the ones that love us each and every day.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How much time did you spend today on the JSA planning your day?
2. Have you ever celebrated something too early and regretted it later?
3. Does your team know what your 'WHY' is?



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