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## WHY DO YOU WORK SAFELY?

Safety starts with you! Your actions have a ripple effect on your co-workers and your own family.



**STOP** and think about your actions.  
**WHY?** - put your favorite family or hobby picture here!

- Yourself/Family for starters. Will the injury affect you for a day, a week, or a lifetime? A work shortcut may affect you for many years “Down-the-Road.”
- Coworkers: With your absence, what workload will be distributed to them?
- Your students. Will your class reach the goals you’ve established if you can’t be there to teach, mentor, encourage and guide them?

We often hear “If you see something, say something!” but there’s another critical piece to add: **“do something!”**

Think what safety actions you should do to remedy these types of events:

- Stand on a chair, stool, or desk
- Lift items improperly
- Walk over coats, boots, lunchboxes, binders, backpacks, tools, etc., around desks, in walkways, blocking hallways or laying in stairwells
- Walk over the same electrical cord laying across the floor
- Plug in the electrical heater into a power strip
- Take a shortcut through or over a snow berm
- Wear improper shoes for the weather
- Fail to be aware of our surroundings
- Texting and driving

Watch this short “Make it Safe... Make it Home... Make it Personal” YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYGTRnWY7iM&feature=youtu.be>

It usually only takes a moment to **“do something”** to help protect YOURSELF and others!

***If you don’t do safety for yourself, then be SAFE for your students, coworkers, and family!***

**SAFETY MATTERS**