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The Common Truth About Common Sense

Article by Alan D Quilley CRSP (held from 1985-2021)

When I'm speaking at conferences or conducting training sessions, it's not unusual for me to meet frustrated managers and safety folks who are beside themselves with their lack of results in reducing injuries. They are frustrated because their current method of keeping their employees safe isn't working. It's from some of these folks that I hear frustrated statements and questions like, "Why don't people use more common sense?" or, "Safety is only common sense!" I'd like to explore this strange beast some folks believe is the secret to safety: the all too rare *common sense*.

Some Universal Truths

Humans don't know what they don't know. Seems simple enough, doesn't it? We only know what we know, so how do we learn things? No matter how much we want it to be true, humans do not have the ability to "just know" about anything, including safety. There is no gene in human DNA that makes it natural to know that ladders need to be tied off to make sure they don't slip.

It's impossible to know what another human knows without communication. I meet a lot of people in my travels and there is no possible way that I can knowhow extensive their knowledge about a subject is without engaging them in a conversation.

When I hear those frustrated individuals use the term *common sense*, there are a few responses I use to try to get them to reflect a bit:

"Common sense is a myth propagated by those people who don't remember where and from whom they learned what they know."

"Having common sense is the art of knowing something that someone else believes you should know with or without the opportunity for you to actually know it."

"People who believe in common sense can't, by definition, have any, because what logically would make anyone believe that everyone knows everything?"

"Only someone without any common sense would believe there is any such thing as common sense."

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Finally, Some Common Sense!

You don't have to answer these questions for me, but answer them for yourself because I already know the answer.

Have you ever:

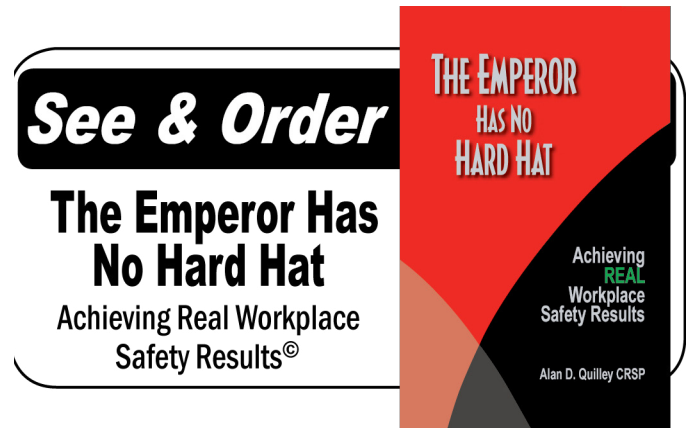
- Used the wrong tool for a job (knife as a screwdriver, wrench as a hammer)?
- Stood on a chair to get something?
- Forgotten to wear a piece of safety equipment when you should have worn it?
- Driven your vehicle while you were distracted or tired?
- Forgotten to tell someone you were working with a critical piece of information?
- Driven faster than the road conditions/speed limit?
- Used a tool for the first time without reading the directions?
- Paid interest of over 24% on a credit card?

I could go on and on. These are all common sense things to avoid, aren't they? Smart people wouldn't do ANY of these things. Unfortunately, very smart people do most, if not all, of these things. Usually people do these things for no greater a reason than to save some time or to be more comfortable. Sometimes the pull to take risks we don't have to is overwhelming. We need to help each other resist the urge to take these all too common risks.

Let us not rely on something that doesn't exist. In a Practical Based Safety Culture© we know what our people know and do because we've engaged them in the process of creating safety.

Keep smiling! It's a common way to stay happy!

Alan D. Quilley (1954-2021), my late husband, was a proud CRSP and published author of 8 books solely dedicated to OHS. He spent over 4 decades working as a safety professional, and since 2003, was a highly successful and sought after OH&S consultant and trainer/mentor. In determining the direction of our newsletter, I've decided to reprint some of Alan's past articles as they are virtually timeless.



BCRSP-CPD Mandatory Ethics Course Online - March 1/23

Our next Ethics course commences March 1/23. Registration is open until March 5/23. The course concludes March 31/23.

A reminder that if your reg'n # ends in either a "1" or a "6", you are required to submit your CPD worksheets to the BCRSP by March 31/23.

As our course does not conclude until March 31/23, the BCRSP has granted permission for our students to have the submission deadline extended. The BCRSP has stated their system will not accept a submission without the Ethics component completed. Lambton College requires 2 - 3 weeks to release the Proof of Completion letter.

Therefore, certificants are to email the BCRSP to advise them that the submission will be forthcoming in April once they receive their official results from Lambton.

To ensure that certificants know that they have passed the course, it is imperative that students submit their assignments/quiz before 4PM EDT, March 31/23 or they will not be graded. In addition, students are expected to check for either emails or notations from the instructor if there are issues. The course takes approximately 3.5 hours to complete.

For more information on the course, please contact [Lambton College](#)

To register for the course, please click [here](#).

CRSP AND CRST VIRTUAL COACHING EXAMINATION PREPARATION

As it has always been our commitment to help candidates with their studies for both the [CRSPEX](#) and the [CRSTEX](#), we are continuing our *Virtual Coaching Packages*. These packages are currently available to those that are writing the 2019 Blueprint CRSTEX and the 2020 Blueprint CRSPEX.

We will provide all of the material (shipped at our cost within Canada only). We are also delighted to offer generous discounts to current members in good standing of the CSSE and WOHSS (not combinable). For more information on those discounts, please contact [Marie](#).

This virtual package includes 6 hours of personal coaching with Greg McInnes CRSP. The hours are broken down however you wish. There will be homework assignments between the calls. Calls are individualized and held via phone or Zoom Video Conference, your choice. Packages must be used within 6 months of purchase.

"It's really important to know who is trying to teach you something". - Alan D Quilley CRSP

Who is your Coach?

Greg McInnes, CRSP is our instructor and can teach you how to study to help you in being successful in your journey to certification. He is a respected leader in OH&S, having over 30 years' experience in the field in OH&S management positions (civic government, healthcare, aerospace, oil and gas and utilities). Greg has also been a member of the Board of Governors for BCRSP and held positions with CSSE at both the local, provincial and national levels.

He is a working CRSP who consults to industry helping them create and implement their Health and Safety program. Greg has developed and instructed adult OHS education programs at the University of Alberta and has co-instructed at NAIT along with instructing OHS courses for varying companies. With all his experience, and sharing our techniques to help you focus your studies, why look elsewhere? When selecting your mentor, take the time to research who other providers are. We believe that they simply won't measure up with us in terms of quality, experience and teaching style.

"There are no hard questions if you know the answers". - Alan D Quilley CRSP

CRSP Virtual Coaching Package

Inclusions:

- Study material (material shipped at our cost within Canada only) based on the 2020 CRSP Examination Blueprint
- 6 hours personal coaching with Greg McInnes
- CRSP Exam Prep Study Manual
- CRSP Exam Prep Knowledge Gap Analysis Questions & Answers Workbook
- Handbook (offered only to those taking part in this Virtual Coaching Package)
- \$899.00 + tax

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- CRST Exam Prep Manual
- CRST Exam Prep Practice Questions and Answers Examination Workbook
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