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Time to Replace Common Sense with Gained Common Knowledge

Article by Alan D Quilley CRSP

Let's think about this for a minute. Common sense isn't at all common. There is overwhelming evidence for this. If you don't think so, just watch a few "funny" YouTube videos and you'll be truly convinced.

The concept of common sense is illogical. Humans know what we know and no more. We don't have magical or super powers that somehow gives us a "sense" that ALL humans have (or should have). We certainly don't have a common experience and/or knowledge. We all have different experiences and have gained our own knowledge in different ways. We are as unique as snowflakes. Common sense is a term usually applied in a negative statement about others, as in "they don't have any common sense." It is also used to claim superiority "Well, I have COMMON SENSE." Suggesting that obviously others don't. Either way it is illogical. There is NO sense that is common. Anyone using the term on others or themselves simply has forgotten where and from whom they learned what they know.

We know that water is wet and stoves that are turned on, or have been on, are hot. This is not because of some magic. It is because of experiential learning. We'd felt it ourselves or we've gained knowledge through others. Now you may not specifically remember where you got the knowledge you have but you were not magically born with it. To suggest otherwise is simple uninformed.

So let's stop assuming that WE have some sort of super power and others don't and get on with sharing our knowledge and experiences with those who may not have it. We're much better off to use what I call collective knowledge, where we logically and systematically share our knowledge and experiences with others. This collective knowledge is gained by humans not assuming that everyone knows what we know, but actually creates collective knowledge by sharing what we know and asking questions of others. It takes some work but it gets results. It is actually how you know what you know, you learned it for yourself or others were kind enough to share their knowledge with you.

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So down with common sense, and let's work on developing a common knowledge. It's less insulting to recognize someone doesn't have a common knowledge. The next step is to be generous with what you know and share it with them. It's also a great idea to find out what you don't know from other people.

Good Luck...now get back to watching those funny YouTube videos!

Alan D. Quilley (1954-2021) was a distinguished safety professional whose career spanned over 4 decades in the field of OH&S. As a CRSP, published author, and highly successful consultant and trainer, Alan made invaluable contributions to the OH&S community. His insightful articles and teachings remain relevant today. In honor of his legacy, I will periodically include Alan's past writings in this newsletter, as they contain timeless wisdom and guidance that continue to benefit us all. Though he is no longer with us, Alan's passion for safety lives on through his enduring words and teachings.

BCRSP - CPD Online Mandatory Ethics Course - July 2/24

Our next Ethics course, in conjunction with the prestigious Lambton College, commences July 2/24. Registration is open until July 5/24. The course concludes July 31/24.

This comprehensive and thought-provoking course, designed specifically for the BCRSP by Safety Results, is sure to enlighten and challenge a CRSP's/CRST's thinking of ethics in their professional practice. The course will take approximately 3.5 hours to work through. Professionally presented, with individual feedback provided by our facilitators, Marie Quilley and Greg McInnes, as well as an in-course quiz and an end of the course submitted assignment, makes this course your only choice.

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



BCRSP CRSP Exam Blueprint 2025

The current BCRSP CRSPEX Blueprint was implemented in 2020. Historically, Blueprints are updated every 5 years; the next version will apply to exams commencing February 2025.

As a result, study materials are only applicable for the October 2024 CRSPEX. Due to this limited scope, the pricing on these prep materials has been significantly reduced. Those purchasing study material and/or registering for coaching will be contacted in advance to confirm their understanding that the materials/coaching package reflect the current Blueprint only and coaching packages are based only on this Blueprint.

The actual date of when the new Blueprint will be released is unknown at this time.

To purchase study material or register for Virtual Coaching, please click [here](#).

Kudos for our CRSP/CRST Study Material and Virtual Coaching

I wanted to share that I am now a CRSP! Thank you for your wisdom and support!

I just wanted to let you know that I passed my exam in February and am now a CRSP. Really appreciate the course, well worth it!

I wrote the CRST in March and I passed. The material was imperative to my success and I wouldn't have succeeded without it. That I can say with 100% confidence.



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 2020 Blueprint CRSPEX and the 2024 Blueprint CRSTEX.

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 HSPC (formerly 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 (NP) (CRSP held from 1994-2023). 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. CRSP Virtual Coaching packages are valid only for candidates writing their CRSPEX in 2024. CRST Virtual Coaching 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 is our coach and can help you effectively study in your journey towards certification. He is a respected leader in OH&S, having over 3 decades of experience in various OH&S management positions (civic government, healthcare, aerospace, oil and gas and utilities). Greg has also been on the Board of Governors for the BCRSP, served as Chair of their Professional Conduct Committee and held positions with the CSSE at local, provincial and national levels.

He is a retired 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 various 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 with the Virtual Coaching Package)
- \$899.00 + tax

CRST Virtual Coaching Package

Inclusions:

- Study material (material shipped at our cost within Canada only) based on the 2024 CRST Examination Blueprint
- 6 hours personal coaching with Greg McInnes
- CRST Exam Prep Study Manual
- CRST Exam Prep Knowledge Gap Analysis Questions & Answers Workbook
- Handbook (offered only with the Virtual Coaching Package)
- \$899.00 + tax

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