Question: (Yes/No answer) Nearly everyone we know uses short cuts to get the job done?
Answer: Generally yes.

However, there are some reasons not to use short cuts. As we all know, a project is completed by use of certain construction methods. Short cuts usually modify methods and as a result, decrease the safety built into proven methods.

Guide for Discussion

What are some ideas to keep in mind when doing short cuts?

   Everyone uses short cuts
   They can be dangerous
   Sometimes they are deadly
   Our company is willing to take the time necessary to do a job properly
   Heights increase the dangers of short cuts
   Excavation and tunnels increase the dangers of short cuts
   Warn those using unsafe short cuts of the hazards associated with short cuts.

Additional Discussion Notes:

Short cuts can really hurt our customers and our profits. Name some examples you have seen on the job.

Remember: Although we all use short cuts in our daily routines, we must be aware of the dangers that short cuts expose us to. There are two ways to perform a work task. Often the safe way is not the fastest or easiest way.

Attendee’s:

NOTE: Always promote a discussion on any of the topics covered in the Tool Box Talks. Should any question arise that you cannot answer, don’t hesitate to contact your Employer.