

Respecting Each Others Work

As we all know and have learned to appreciate, working inside a submarine is not only challenging, but requires our mechanics to perform very difficult tasks safely while working in and around their fellow workers. One of the by-products of crawling around each other is the inadvertent damage of equipment or other people's work. Everyone understands that it is a "shipyard" and accidents happen. However, awareness and mutual respect for each other's work goes a long way in reducing the occurrences of rework. Below are examples of inadvertent damage:

- Deck seals slashed to gain access to the outboards
- Electrical cables damaged because we failed to properly cover-up
- Naugahyde seat covers punctured when someone with a screwdriver in their back pocket sat down.
- Oil from a system not captured by a bag or container, spilled over onto the mounts of a valve
- Lagging damaged when someone climbed out in the outboards or ran a hose or lead over the rubber covering.
- A pipe hanger taken apart to gain access to a tight area
- A pipe detail fit up is used as a step for another person to reach an area, causing the bevels to be damaged
- A pipe welder blew a hole in the weld when someone accidentally stepped on the welder's lead
- Deck tile damaged while CRES deck trim was buffed

The examples above are real and have been experienced by a large portion of our workforce. If you take a minute to self-reflect, what work did you or someone in your crew recently perform that was a result of the incidents mentioned above? Before you perform your next assignment, please take the time to pre-plan and think about what you are going to do that

could potentially cause damage to other trades workmanship, and address your concern with your supervisor or area superintendent so they can take the necessary preventive measures to reduce or eliminate the re-work.

No one wants to do their job twice, especially if it was extremely difficult for the first time. Performing a job twice not only drives up the cost, but doubles our chance of getting injured on the job.

If you do happen to inadvertently damage ship's equipment or other peoples work, let your supervisor or area superintendent know as soon as you can. The sooner the damage is known, the sooner it can be addressed and fixed, and more importantly, prevented in the future.



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Continuous Improvement

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four **sharpening** the ax.”

Safety through Continuous Improvement

Our health is one of our greatest individual assets. Without it, we are less able; or possibly unable to generate revenue through our income. Our health also provides us the ability to do the things we enjoy, making it essential to our happiness. Collectively, our health and wellbeing is critical to the ability of our company and therefore ourselves to be successful. When we consider these facts, continuous improvement in the pursuit of greater safety should be one of our top priorities as shipbuilders.



When we look at the way we are performing our work, one of the first questions we should ask ourselves is how can we do this safer and with less risk? More often than not, the safer means of doing something is also more efficient. While it almost seems like human nature to use that pair of water pump pliers as a hammer instead of walking to the toolbox, we must all be extremely aware of the return on investment that comes from getting that hammer (figuratively or literally).

When we approach any job here at EB or at home, we must realize that taking the time to find or develop a safer process, even if that means taking a step back or just going to get the right tool for the job can pay dividends. That additional time may initially be perceived as waste, but we all know the difference the right tool for the job can make. That extra time is an investment which will yield less risk, which in itself can be the difference between a relaxing evening with our family after work and an injury that takes us out of work or worse.

Grassroots Process Improvements:

When creating a **custom tool, fixture or jig** to improve your process, make sure to also involve Safety, Engineering or any other appropriate team to make sure that it is compliant with their guidelines. You will see the reminder in the new CIAD for Grassroots ideas!

So the next time you start a job, look for a safer way to get it done. Ask your peers for their advice. It's the time to be selfish. It's the time to make an investment in yourself and your health.

Have a process improvement idea, or simply just want a board to bounce ideas off? Discuss your idea with your supervisor. If additional resources are required for implementation, your supervisor can contact D931.

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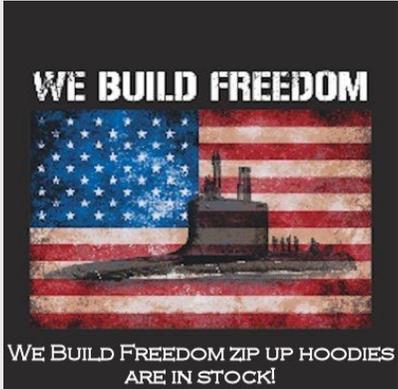
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Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

- Causes no pain
- Causes no visible trauma
- Leaves no visible scars
- Is unnoticeable in its earliest stages
- Accumulates with each overexposure
- Takes years to notice a change

DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY HEARING TO TAKE HEARING LOSS SERIOUSLY

WHEN IT'S GONE IT'S TOO LATE!

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Policy Statement # 13: Electric Boat Corporation has established Occupational Health and Safety as the Company's Number One Priority.

Always wear the proper hearing protection for the area you're in and job you're on!

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