

# Shortcuts are a Choice Picture This



**What is wrong in this picture?** There are two construction workers working on scaffolding without any fall protection and even any PPE that can protect themselves from incidents, they are putting their life in high risk that can result in multiple injuries and even death.

Employees are statistically six times more likely to experience an accident or injury as a result of unsafe behaviors, such as taking shortcuts, than unsafe working conditions. While shortcuts can sometimes be a great way to get things done faster, you always need to evaluate whether or not the increased speed is going to cause any unintended problems. It is always much better to do something properly the first time than to have to either redo it again later or deal with the consequences of the shortcut down the road.

You should always take the time to fully evaluate any workplace safety shortcuts that people are taking and see if they are really providing the facility with true benefits. If not, they should be eliminated to help keep everyone safe.

Everyone takes a shortcut at one time or another. You cross the street between intersections instead of using the crosswalk or jump a fence instead of using the gate. But in many cases, a shortcut can involve danger. If you have the habit of taking dangerous shortcuts, **BREAK IT NOW!**