



Greetings All,

In a few short days, the Victorian Crane Association follows the Qld, NSW, South Australian and NT crane associations and merges into a branch of CICA. This safety bulletin #178 will be the last VCA / Incolink branded crane safety bulletin that will be released. I guess that means the pressure is on to make it a good one!

I'd like to thank our VCA members and all of the readers of this bulletin for the ideas and suggestions they have forwarded to me over the last 5 years. It's not an easy task coming up with a new and crane relevant topic each time a bulletin is to be written.

Just as importantly, I'd like to thank Incolink for all of the work that they do for their members. The contribution that Incolink makes back into the construction industry is massive and whilst many people may only think of the redundancy payments as being what Incolink does, there is so much more on offer.



Safety in our industry is a massive part of what all of us do. Even the most simplest task can potentially go wrong if there is no plan in place. It's a requirement here in Victoria that for any work that cranes undertake, there is a SWMS to cover that task as it classed as High Risk Work.

Does that then mean that our work is risky ? It shouldn't be, ever! There is an old saying that many of you will know –

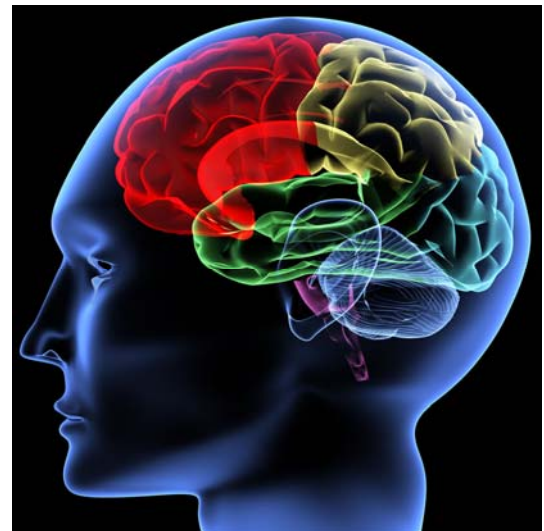
“There's more than one way to skin a cat.”

There are times when it is up to us to find the best way of getting the job done. And FYI - Safely is always the best way.

So why do things go wrong? If the world is so in tune with the safety message, how come things don't always go the way we thought they would go ? At work or at home?



Can we always blame these two reasons above ? No, because that excludes the one major factor that we sometimes don't listen to, or we can't hear because of the internal and external noises surrounding us.



Without a doubt, the brain is the most powerful tool any of us will ever know. These bulletin's have often discussed using the right tool for the job. We should all pay more attention to what that extremely powerful tool is telling us at times.

When we see someone doing something that isn't right, and our brain tells us that we should say something, that's the time to stand up and have your say. One of the worst things another human being can do is stand back and watch whilst someone is about to get hurt.

I look forward to these Safety bulletins re-emerging with some branding changes in the new financial year. It's a brave new world that awaits us all.

Cheers for now and have a Safe Week.

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