

Should the Safety Department take away their Knives?

ONLY IF YOU WANT TO INSULT YOUR ENTIRE WORKFORCE, SHOULD YOU TAKE AWAY THEIR KNIVES. AFTER SPEAKING WITH LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ABOUT THIS ISSUE I HAVE FINALLY COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE FEELING OF 'BEING INSULTED' IS ALMOST UNIVERSAL. THE MESSAGE THE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE BY DOING THIS IS "WE CANNOT TRUST YOU!"

THIS IS A VERY CONVOLUTED MESSAGE BECAUSE MOST OILFIELD EMPLOYEES ARE TRUSTED WITH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT!?! TALK ABOUT A MIXED MESSAGE.

THE REASON(S) COMPANIES TAKE AWAY KNIVES IS OFTEN BECAUSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY. ON BALANCE, THIS IS A POOR DECISION. WHAT IT COST YOU IN ATTITUDE (WHICH WORKS OUT IN PERFORMANCE AND REAL DOLLARS) IS MORE THAN WHAT YOU SAVED IN PREMIUMS.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO INSTEAD IS MAKE RULES CONCERNING KNIVES;

- ➡ NO "FIXED-BLADE" KNIVES (MUST BE A FOLDING KNIFE)
- ➡ MUST BE A 3" (OR LESS) BLADE
- ➡ MUST HAVE A RELIABLE 'LOCKING' MECHANISM.
- ➡ A MULTI-TOOL LIKE A LEATHERMAN IS OKAY
- ➡ MUST PRACTICE "KNIFE SAFETY". ALWAYS CUT AWAY FROM YOUR BODY, ETC.



MOST OF THESE GUYS HAVE CARRIED KNIVES THEIR WHOLE LIVES AND THEY TELL ME THEY HAVE NO RESPECT FOR RULES THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE TO THEM.