

## Safety Philosophy vs. Hands-On Training

**“Be Safe” they tell me. But I am thinking “Doing What?”.**

The Drilling Industry is attracting a lot of high-level professional people with their PhD's to teach us roughnecks how to “be safe”. They are teaching us to practice safety every hour of the day. They are teaching us how to communicate. They are even providing leadership training for all the bosses. These are all good things.

In principle I agree with what they are trying to do. I believe what they are doing is helping us to be better than what we were. However, it is not solving our accident problem.

**Why does safety philosophy not solve our accident problems?**

For one reason alone. **It is not close enough to the work!** The reason I wrote the Roughnecking 101 manual is so that a supervisor could methodically walk an employee through each job we do and point out the hazards and the proper way to do the job without getting hurt.

I have attended many, many of these high level meetings with Rig Managers and company officials. I have left those meetings and gone to the rig and months, even years later, what we talked about in those meetings did not make it to the rig.

The Roughnecking 101 manual is designed to get close to the work and solve that communication problem that plagues the industry. R-101 provides a real possibility of getting everyone on the same page.

Wade Rohloff

**Wade@GraphicSafety.com**