

Largest Loss of Life at a U.S. School

Almost 300 fatalities, mostly children - New London, Texas 1937

On March 18, 1937, an estimated 295 people, mostly students, were killed and many more were injured when the New London School in Texas was leveled by a natural gas explosion.

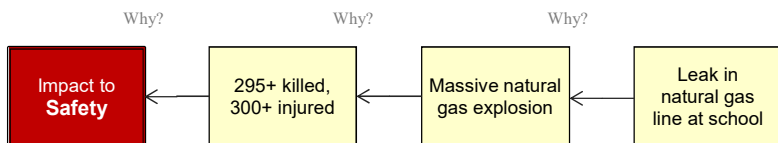
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Within weeks of the tragedy, the Texas Legislature passed a law requiring an odorant to be added to natural gas to aid in the detection of leaks. Other states quickly followed suite.

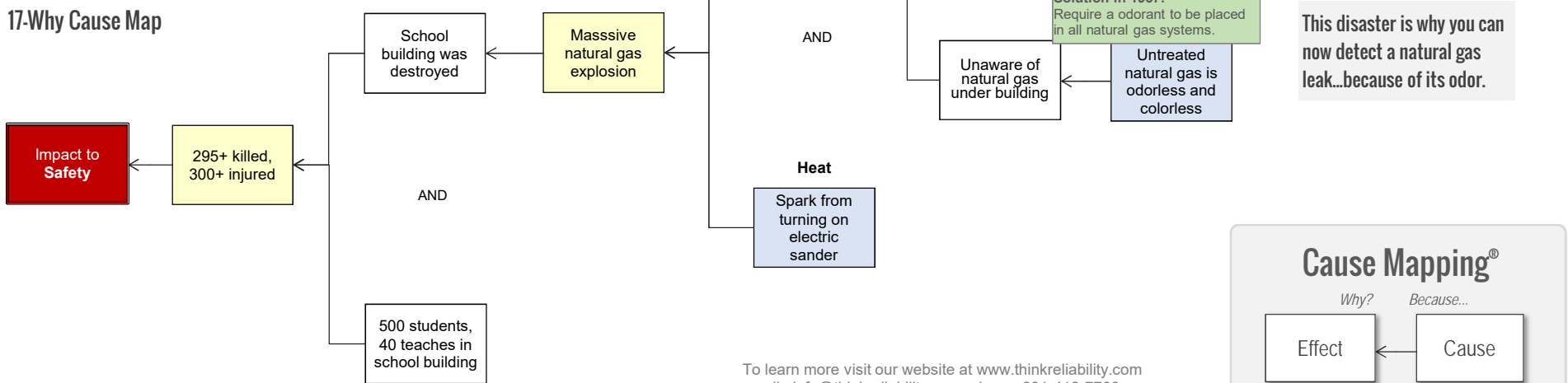
3-Why Cause Map



Start Simple

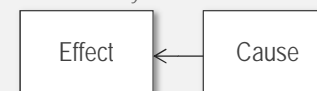
This 3-Why Cause Map breaks the incident into basic cause-and-effect relationships. It's a simple way to begin an investigation. From this point it can be expanded. Adding causes provides a more thorough explanation of the issue which yields a wider range of solution options.

17-Why Cause Map



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Why? Because...



Basic Cause-and-Effect Relationship

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Each of these 5-Whys is unique. Some causes are the same, but some are different. People see an incident from their point of view, but that doesn't change the incident. These different 5-Whys combine into one more complete explanation of an issue.

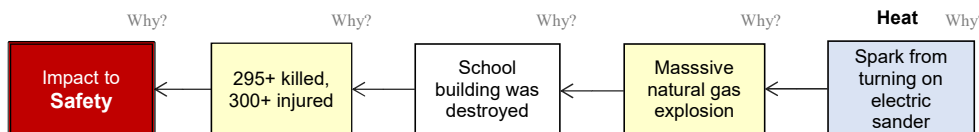
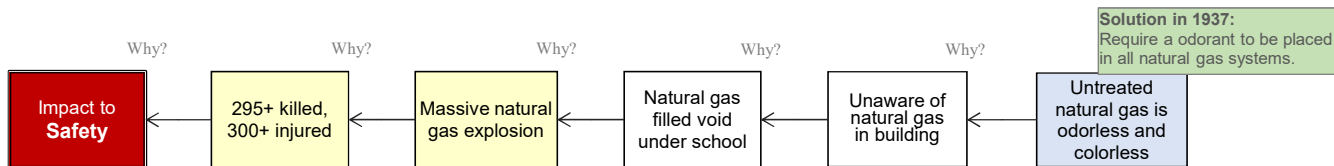
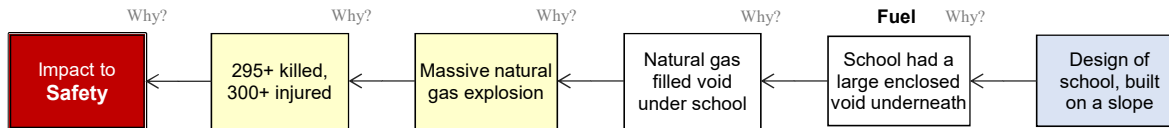
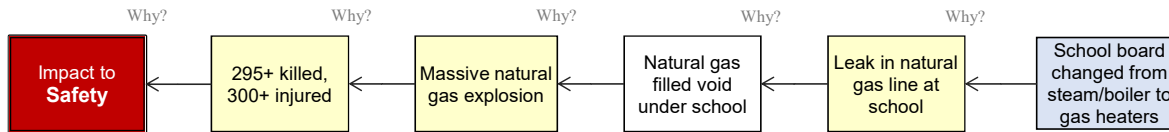
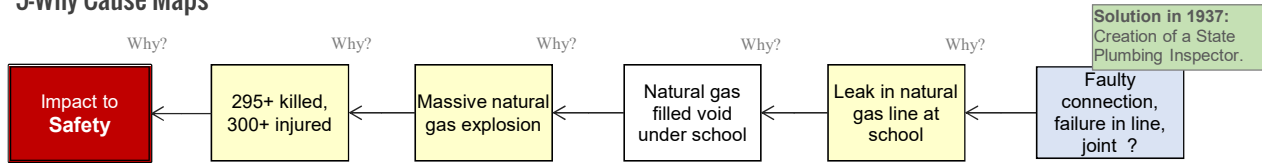
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5-Why Cause Maps



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