

21 Characteristics of Effective Safety Leaders

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- 1 Be a more visible leader of safety initiatives. Don't fall into the trap of complacency! 
- 2 React quickly to safety issues/concerns.
- 3 Become a "take charge" leader. Taking responsibility is the highest form of accountability!
- 4 Complete assignments in a timely fashion. Leave no open-ended issues. 
- 5 Anticipate issues, be proactive, and always look for a better way.
- 6 Don't fall behind, stay on task, offer no excuses and get things done quickly and right. 
- 7 Hold everyone accountable to do their share of the safety process.
- 8 Work well with everyone regardless of how you feel personally about them.
- 9 Keep everyone informed of your activities. Winners are comfortable sharing.
- 10 If given an assignment, do it. Don't be told twice. 
- 11 Raise your enthusiasm for all you do.
- 12 Stay busy & minimize socializing. 
- 13 Keep current on safety regulations. Commitment to learn something new everyday.
- 14 Be punctual; punctuality is a sure sign of politeness!
- 15 Act like you want the job. 
- 16 Manage by walking around. 
- 17 Remember you are always on display.
- 18 Turn problems into opportunities! Provide solutions, not problems.
- 19 Be cordial, polite, and generous with your knowledge. 
- 20 Continue to grow your knowledge of safety leadership. 
- 21 View your work as a career building opportunity, not a job.

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