

What does your Safety Committee DO?

Part of the ISRI Safety Blueprint process goes something like this:

ISRI: Do you have a safety committee?

Recycler: Yes.

ISRI: What does your safety committee do?

Recycler: Well, we talk about recent injuries. We talk about what we're going to talk about in the next safety meeting. We talk about any problems we have around the operation.

ISRI: But, what does your safety committee do?

Recycler: *with puzzled look*—We talk about injuries, we talk about . . .

ISRI: So, your safety committee talks.

Recycler: Yes.

ISRI: Where does the safety committee meet?

Recycler: In this room.

ISRI: Now, don't get me wrong, talking is a fine thing. Communication is the key to success in everything we do. But—does the safety committee do anything besides talk?

Recycler: *nodding head with eyes wide*—Ohhhhh . . . So maybe we could go walk the yard once in a while.

ISRI: Yes!

Recycler: Maybe we could do a hazard assessment sometimes.

ISRI: Yes!!

Recycler: Maybe we could go inspect one of our other locations and have them come here and inspect us.

ISRI: Yes!!!

What does *your* Safety Committee DO? Talking is fine. Talking is a good start. Doing is better. Get out and get going. Think of practical actions your committee can take, and then take them.

Let your workers *see* the safety committee at work—for them!

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