# **Creating a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA)**

## Why is a job hazard analysis important?

Many workers are injured and killed at the workplace every day in the United States. Safety and health can add value to your business, your job, and your life. You can help prevent workplace injuries and illnesses by looking at your workplace operations, establishing proper job procedures, and ensuring that all employees are trained properly.

One of the best ways to determine and establish proper work procedures is to conduct a job hazard analysis. A job hazard analysis is one component of the larger commitment of a safety and health management system.

## <u>Where to Begin</u>

- Conduct a preliminary job review

   If any hazards exist that pose an immediate danger to an
   employee's life or health, take immediate action to protect the
   worker
- List, rank, and set priorities for hazardous jobs using the risk matrix
- Outline the steps or tasks

### **Identify Workplace Hazards**

- What can go wrong?
- What are the consequences?
- How could it arise?
- What are other contributing factors? How likely is it that the hazard will occur?

To make your JHA useful, document the answers to the previous questions in a consistent manner. Describing a hazard in this way helps to ensure that your efforts to eliminate the hazard and implement hazard controls help target the most important contributors to the hazard.

A good hazard scenario will describe the following:

- Where it is happening (environmental)
- Who or what it is happening to (exposure)
- What precipitates the hazard (trigger)
- The outcome that would occur should it happen (consequence)
- Any other contributing factors

## Performing a Job Hazard Analysis

• What can go wrong?

-The worker's hand could come into contact with a rotating object that "catches" it and pulls it into the machine

• What are the consequences?

-The worker could receive a severe injury and lose fingers and hands.

• How could it Happen?

-The accident could happen as a result of the worker trying to clear a snag during operations, or as part of a maintenance activity while the pulley is operating. (This hazard scenario could not occur if the pulley is not rotating.

• What are the other contributing factors?

-This hazard occurs very quickly. It does not give the worker much opportunity to recover or prevent it once his hand comes into contact with the pulley. This is an important factor, because it helps you determine the severity and likelihood of an accident when selecting appropriate hazard controls. Unfortunately, experience has shown that training is not very effective in hazard control when triggering events happen quickly, because humans can only react so quickly.

- How likely is it that the hazard will occur?
  - This determination requires some judgement. If there have been "near-misses" or actual cases, then the likelihood of a recurrence would be considered high. If the pulley is exposed and easily accessible, that also is a consideration. In the example, the likelihood that the hazard will occur is high because there is no guard preventing contact, and the operation is performed while

the machine is running. By following the steps in this example you can organize your hazard analysis activities.

### **EXAMPLE**

Task Description

-Worker reaches into metal box to the right of the machine, grasps a 15-pound casting and carries it to a grinding wheel. Worker grinds 20 to 30 castings per hour.

Hazard Description

-Picking up a casting, the employee could drop it onto his foot. The casting's weight and height could seriously injure the worker's feet or toes.

Hazard Controls

-Remove castings from the box and place them on a table next to the grinder.

-Wear steel-toe shoes with arch protection

-Change protective gloves that allow a better grip

-Use a device to pick up castings.

-Wear cut-resistant gloves that allow a good grip, and fit tightly to minimize the chance that they will get caught in the grinding wheel.

### **Example**

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-Worker reaches into a metal box to the right of the machine, grasps a 15-pound casting and carries it to the grinding wheel. Worker grinds 20 to 30 castings per hour

#### Hazard Description

-Reaching, twisting, and lifting 15-pound castings from the floor could result in a muscle strain to the lower back.

#### Hazard Controls

-Move castings from the ground and place them closer to the work zone to minimize lifting. Ideally, place them at the waist height or on an adjustable platform or pallet.

-Train workers not to twist while lifting, and reconfigure work stations to minimize twisting during lifts.

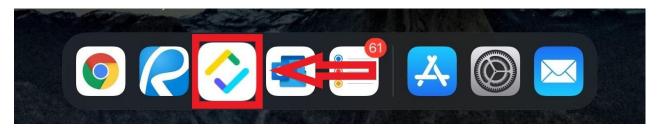
### **Reviewing a JHA**

- Periodically reviewing your Job hazard analysis ensures that it remains current, and continues to help reduce workplace accidents and injuries. Even if the job has not changed, it is possible that during the review process you will identify hazards that were not identified in the initial analysis.
- It is particularly important to review your job hazard analysis if an illness or injury occurs on a specific job. Based on the circumstances, you may determine that you need to change the job procedure to prevent similar incidents in the future. If an employee's failure to follow proper job procedures results in a

"near miss", discuss the situation with all employees who perform the job, and remind them of the proper procedures. Any time you revise a job hazard analysis, it is important to train all employees affected by the changes in the new job methods, procedures, or protective measures adopted.

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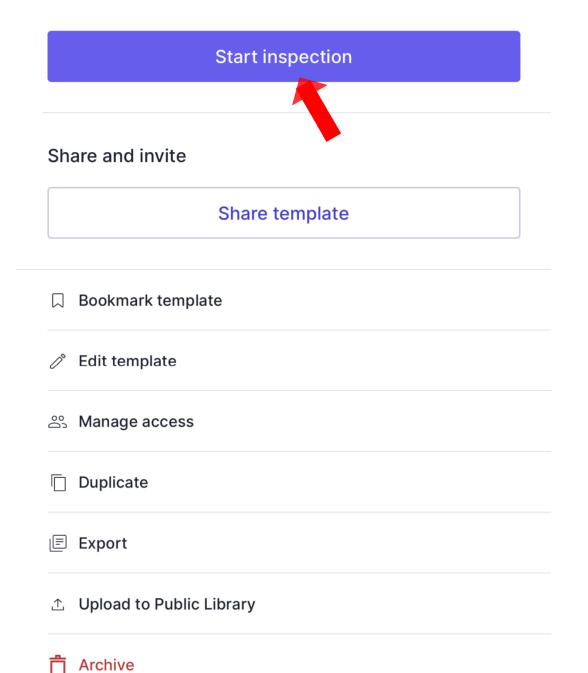
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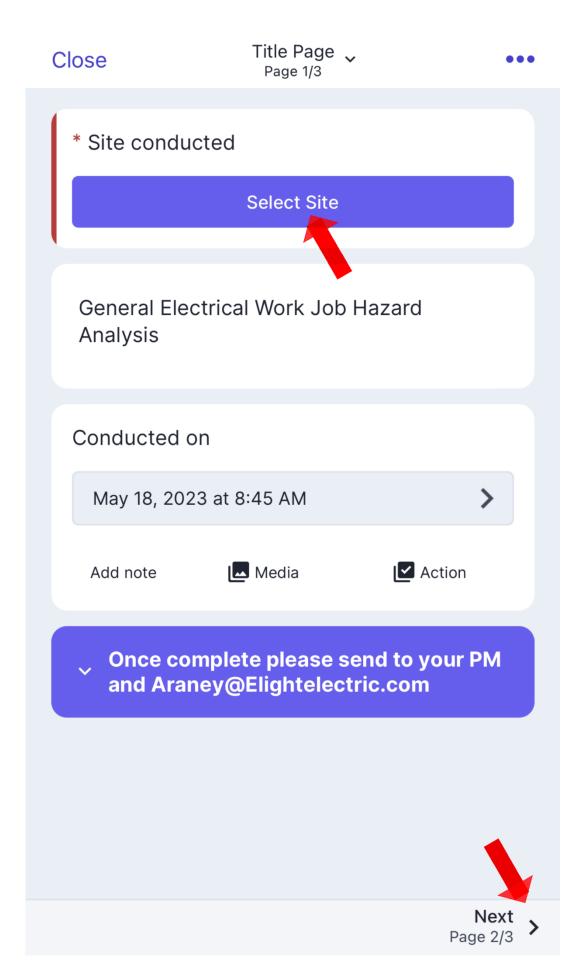
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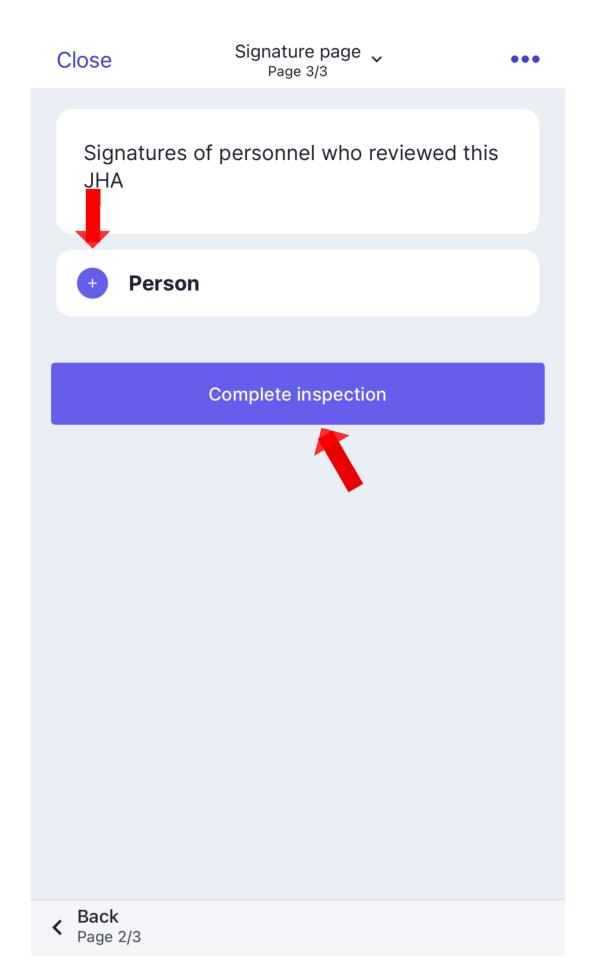
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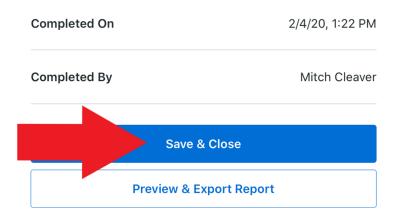


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