

SafeSupervisor August 2026 Newsletter



The August 2026 edition of the SafetyNow ILT Newsletter focuses on making safety training more practical, credible, and connected to the risks workers are actually facing. This month's issue covers loss prevention training, presentation techniques, new ready-to-use safety talks, fatality case studies, and how to use badges in safety training without making the program feel artificial or childish.

The lead article explains how employers can use claims, near misses, supervisor observations, worker feedback, and return-to-work information to build smarter safety training. Too often, training calendars run on autopilot while real loss patterns sit in claims files, incident reports, and modified duty records. The newsletter argues for a "loss prevention training loop," where workplace data feeds directly back into training priorities, learning objectives, supervisor reinforcement, and measurement.

The article makes the case that training should respond to real exposures. A repeated lifting injury problem, for example, may not be solved by simply repeating body mechanics training. Claims and near-miss data may reveal late-shift fatigue, awkward reaches, poor equipment use, delayed discomfort reporting, or weak supervisor response. When training focuses on the actual loss driver, it becomes more useful, more credible, and more likely to change behaviour.

Another article looks at how quotations can improve safety presentations. The point is not to use famous quotes as decoration, but to use them as idea starters. A strong quotation can help a presenter find a fresh angle, create a memorable theme, and build a presentation that feels more engaging than a standard compliance talk. For trainers, this is a reminder that the way a message is framed can affect whether workers pay attention and remember it.

 The August issue also includes four practical safety talks. The first addresses infectious disease risk beyond COVID, reminding workers that illness can still spread through shared air, close contact, contaminated surfaces, and working while sick. The second focuses on aging infrastructure, including corrosion, hidden plumbing failures, old electrical systems, worn mechanical equipment, and the need to report small warning signs before they become major

failures. The third covers noise, vibration, and long-term health risks, emphasizing that some hazards cause permanent damage slowly. The fourth addresses cyber-physical risks, showing how phishing, weak passwords, unsecured remote access, tampered sensors, and compromised robots or plant systems can become physical safety hazards.

The Fatality Files section reinforces the real-world consequences of missed controls. One case describes the Triton or Trisis attack on a petrochemical facility's safety instrumented system, where attackers attempted to disable critical safety protections. Another covers COVID-19 deaths among healthcare workers where workplace exposure and insufficient protective measures contributed to fatal illness. A third case describes a workplace altercation that escalated into a fatal event, showing how unresolved conflict and poor workplace culture can become safety hazards.

The issue closes with a practical article on safety training badges. The newsletter warns that badges can feel childish if they are used as digital stickers for basic completion. But when designed properly, badges can be useful readiness markers. They can show that a worker completed orientation, reviewed a procedure, finished refresher training, participated in a seasonal hazard campaign, or had a task-related competency verified. The strongest badge systems are plain-language, role-based, honest about what they represent, supported by training records, and reinforced by supervisors.

Overall, the August 2026 SafetyNow ILT Newsletter is a strong issue for safety trainers, supervisors, and managers who want training to be more than a calendar exercise. It shows how to connect training to claims, near misses, return-to-work outcomes, emerging hazards, credible recognition, and real workplace controls. If your organization wants safety training that workers respect and supervisors can reinforce, this month's issue is well worth reading.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS MONTH

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THIS MONTH'S CONTENT IN FULL

- **The Loss Prevention Training Loop: Using Claims and Near Miss Data to Build Smarter Safety Training**
- **Using Quotations to Enliven Your Safety Training Presentations**
- **Pandemic After-Effects: Infectious Disease Risk Beyond COVID Meeting Kit**
- **Aging Infrastructure: Recognizing and Managing Failures in Older Facilities Meeting Kit**
- **Silent Hazards: Noise, Vibration and Long-Term Health Risks Meeting Kit**
- **Cyber-Physical Risks: When Data Attacks Meet Physical Safety Meeting Kit**
- **How to Use Badges Without Making Safety Training Feel Childish**