

# 8 THINGS SAFETY PROS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CENTRALIZING A SAFETY PROGRAM

We connect with a lot of safety pros who are feeling overwhelmed by paperwork, certificate management, weekly inspections, training documentation, and the overall administrative burden of their safety systems.

Here are **8 Things Safety Pros Need To Know About Centralizing A Safety Program** and how taking a centralized approach to site safety simplifies a complex environment.

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COVID-19

## SAFETY IS THE NEW NORMAL

The Covid-19 global pandemic has brought with it legitimate concerns around contact, such as the potential to contract the virus in the workplace. In other words, by having a multitude of people touching paperwork from field to office, you are now increasing their exposure to the virus. This can be detrimental to worker's health and business operations if they contract the disease. It can jeopardize contracts, dealings with sub-trades, outside agencies, and even third-party vendors.

There is a significant amount of social responsibility that must be assumed. Companies can ensure they meet the latest industry protocols by going paperless with digital safety software. Digital solutions serve as easily accessible storage for screening papers and enable teams to track worker's health statuses in real-time, significantly reducing infection risks or biological hazards

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## CONNECT FIELD AND OFFICE

Companies need to maintain uninterrupted communication between the field and the office. It's integral to a company's success that these communication lines exist in an open and intact state.

Safety software allows workers the convenience of real-time communication as things progress in the field. Instantly capturing this data benefits both the workers and the company. It allows for immediate transparency and attention in time sensitive matters such as incidents and corrective actions, updates, and overall sharing of need-to-know information in a timely fashion. In addition, office and off-site specialists can offer real-time support and guidance to on-site workers in the field from anywhere with remote digital safety technology.

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## ACHIEVE ADOPTION IN THE FIELD

One challenge that organizations face when implementing new technologies or processes into the mix is adoption. Without adoption, you might as well forget it. Your investment and opportunity to capitalize on efficiencies and improvements are lost.

The best way to achieve adoption is by implementing solutions that don't interrupt already established workflows, making daily tasks and jobs easier, faster, and more enjoyable.

There is a seamless connection between the office and field when you combine a web app for administrators and a mobile app for the field. Whether you are implementing and managing a safety program or simply using and complying with safety regulations, the task that need doing are accomplished hassle-free.

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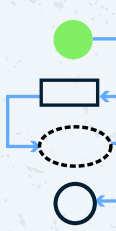
## MAINTAIN A SINGLE POINT OF TRUTH

To survive, thrive, and stay competitive amongst your peers, digital transformation is critical. With paper-based safety programs, threats such as lost paperwork, outdated documents, inconsistencies, and lack of information continuity are constant threats. Physical documentation is often not monitored, leading to incorrectly filed or missing documents and significant gaps in the safety management system.

Additionally, there is no way of communicating real-time updates to connect the business to workers. For example, there may be workers at a location with outdated forms and information that contradicts current information. At the same time, another site has the up-to-date and relevant material to do their work safely.

Safety software streamlines the communication of documents, making it easily accessible and instantaneous for tracking compliance with real-time data while providing overall visibility in a snapshot. Behavior-based safety performance can be measured - and, if applicable - corrected promptly. With accurate and searchable information shared among various groups, departments, and locations, material risk related to simple miscommunication is largely eliminated by having instant access to safety documentation.

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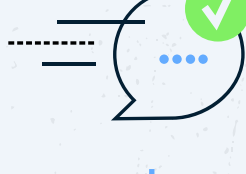


## MAKE DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS

When information is collected through physical documents, it's not just data inconsistency and unreliability that hinders a business. The opportunity for actions based on data-driven insight goes entirely by the wayside. Analog data becomes quickly outdated and leaves companies disconnected and vulnerable - an example of this being the inability to establish effective closed-loop monitoring of corrective action and response measures.

In other words, there is a disconnect and a disruption of workflow, and physical documentation is the culprit. Digital platforms provide valuable insight that serves to improve processes and anticipate inconsistencies. Hand-written documents can take weeks or even months to reach their intended recipients, leaving decision-makers hamstrung to resolve these issues.

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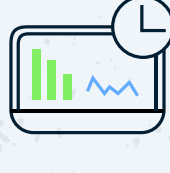
## EXPEDITE RESPONSE AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Safety is complex at the site level. Incidents occur unexpectedly and even simultaneously, with situations going from proactive to reactive in the blink of an eye. Companies must organize parties, crews and various departments to conduct quality investigations collaboratively. The ability to manage and resolve these scenarios hinges on the thoroughness, accuracy, and accessibility of all pertinent information.

Paper documents make it difficult, if not impossible, to record and report crucial details effectively and efficiently in a timely manner. Paperwork may get misplaced, costing time and loss of information. This further discourages efforts put forward by the many workers involved with investigations. The loss of time takes away from the primary objectives of conducting incident investigations.

Paperless safety software makes it possible to share specific information across workites within companies to immediate and appropriate corrective actions and changes. This process eliminates delays by offering real-time data to every user with platform access regardless of their role within the company or their physical location. Safety software accelerates response with corrective actions to incidents and inspections.

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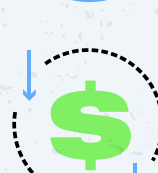
## MANAGE ASSETS IN REAL-TIME

Companies with multiple machines, equipment, and assets require regular preventative maintenance and repair to optimize safety and function. Furthermore, it's crucial to have an inventory of your assets and maintenance schedules in place to ensure reliable performance. This more tracking and reporting is tedious, redundant, and counter-productive. This is more apparent with larger-sized operations and will become quickly evident as being an issue as businesses scale.

A digital safety software categorizes inventory, supports geotagging and tracking, reports status and location, produces schedules and even sends notifications of maintenance and repairs. Real-time reports can be generated capturing important information such as malfunctions and can be easily viewed on dashboards by administrators.

Digital solutions ensure consistency and continuity by having teams and departments collaborate on asset management. Workers, mechanics, maintenance crews, supervisors, suppliers and third-party vendors can all work collectively in partnership to keep one another informed of asset status, repairs and anticipate downtime.

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## REDUCE COSTS AND PREMIUMS

Industry insurance premiums factor in residual risk. They cover uncontrollable variables and incidents out of a company or individual's control, such as weather and "Acts of God." The higher the likelihood, probability and severity of a given risk factor, the higher the associated premiums.

With the implementation of digital safety, companies can proactively assess risk, make informed decisions, leverage data to inform real-time performance, analyze trends, and effectively manage insurance claims and audits with efficiency and accuracy.

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