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# Common Health and Safety Mistakes:

How To Correct Them

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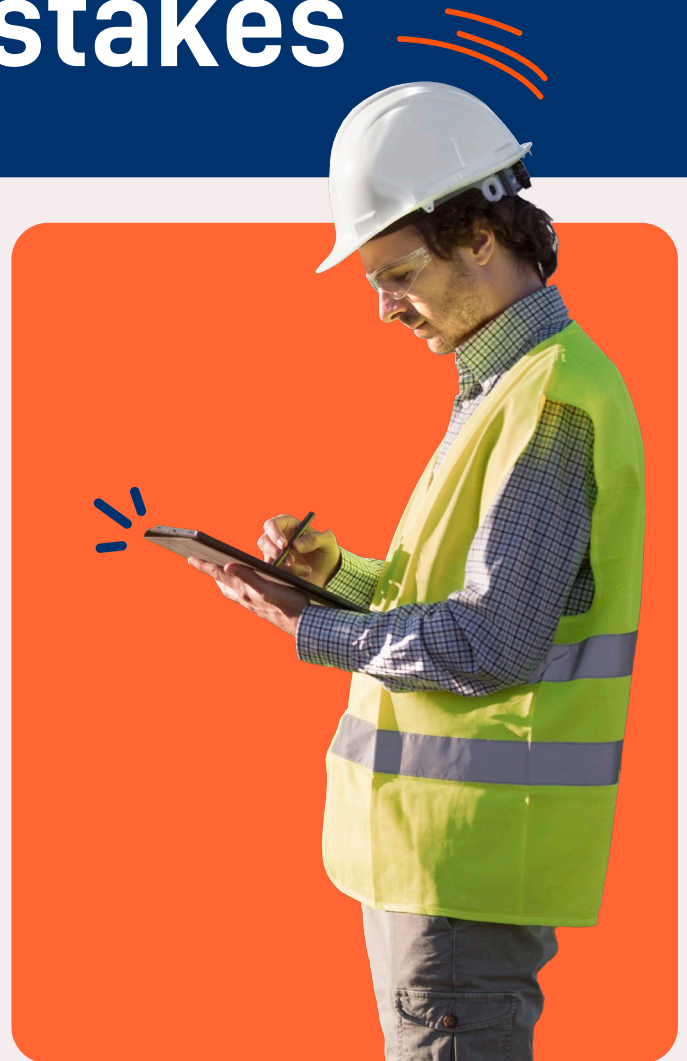
The pandemic has really shone a light on how much your employees want to feel safe both inside and outside of the workplace. This is every employer's legal and moral responsibility. 2020 showed us that health and safety in the workplace is not just about preventing accidents or adhering to regulations.

There are many factors that can affect the well-being of your employees when they are on the job. It is likely that your company has resolved to do more to protect employee health and safety this year and that's a great resolution.

One way to get started is to look over your current health and safety programs and technology within your organization to see if you're making some of the most common health and safety mistakes. We're here to help with that. Here's a list of the most common health and safety missteps with our advice on how to correct them.

Get more information about implementing on-trend company-wide safety in our blog.

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## Offering run-of-the-mill health and safety programs

Health and safety programs are often run from the top down, with mandates and requirements that employees feel are a grind or even a burden. As a result of this common method, there can be gaps in reporting or it can take longer than necessary to complete an audit or show compliance. Your organization can address these challenges with health and safety software that not only makes it easy for all employees to complete tasks and activities but also makes it fun — with gamification and friendly challenges between teams.

## Keeping it all in the health and safety organization

Health and safety isn't just for one department anymore — actually, it never has been and it's a mistake to think so. Everyone throughout a company is a stakeholder in health and safety. You should embed safety at every level to ensure that your whole organization, from the corner office to the shop floor, is thinking and talking about safety every day.

Involving everyone in the process ensures engagement and an alignment of values. The result is an engaging safety culture that leads to improved safety performance. This organically leads to reinforcing safety as a priority.



## Failing to launch regular inspections

Problems with equipment and workplace safety create a risk for employees. Yet, they are not always inspected as often or as regularly as they should be. Regular inspections and audits are key to identifying potential risks and initiating prevention tactics. Ensuring that they are completed on time helps organizations move from reactive to proactive safety management.

However, the reason they are delayed or infrequent is usually manual paper processes. Fortunately, developments in health and safety technology make inspections and audits easier, with web-based and mobile software options that make scheduling and reporting issues a breeze.



## Confusing home-grown systems and spreadsheets with EHS technology

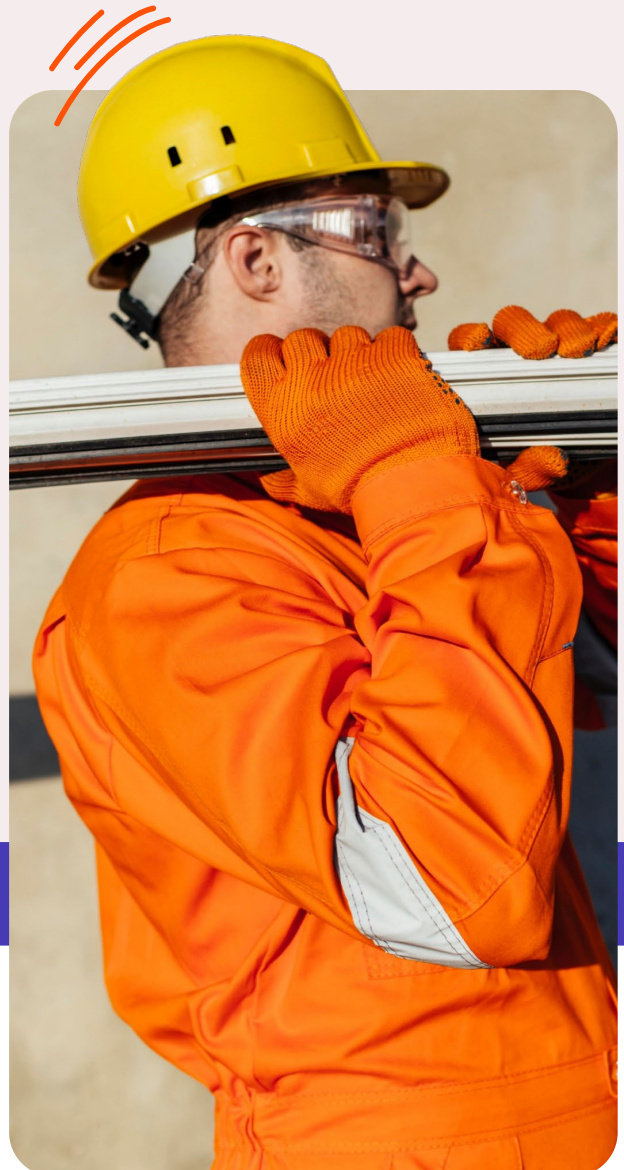
Companies often think they're already using EHS technology because they have spreadsheet software and systems developed by IT that capture the main data needed. This common health and safety mistake is pervasive.

Spreadsheet software and in-house systems are not specifically designed for health and safety and the result is an incomplete picture of safety. The solution is health and safety software that enables EHS professionals to implement and check programs and proactively address possible issues.

## Not going mobile

Another common health and safety mistake is using EHS software designed for a desktop or workstation. If a worker wants to report an incident and accident, but the process involves finding a computer and logging in, that worker is likely to balk at taking the time to get the report done. This mistake can be remedied easily with mobile technology.

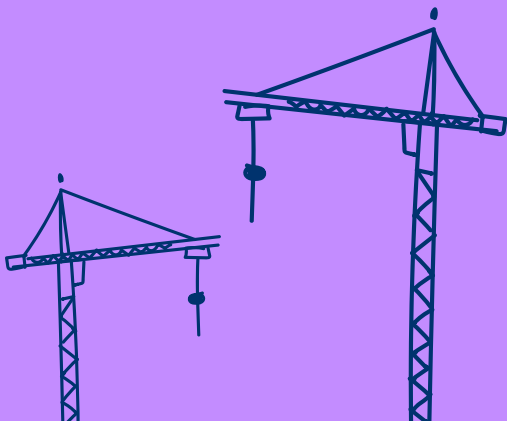
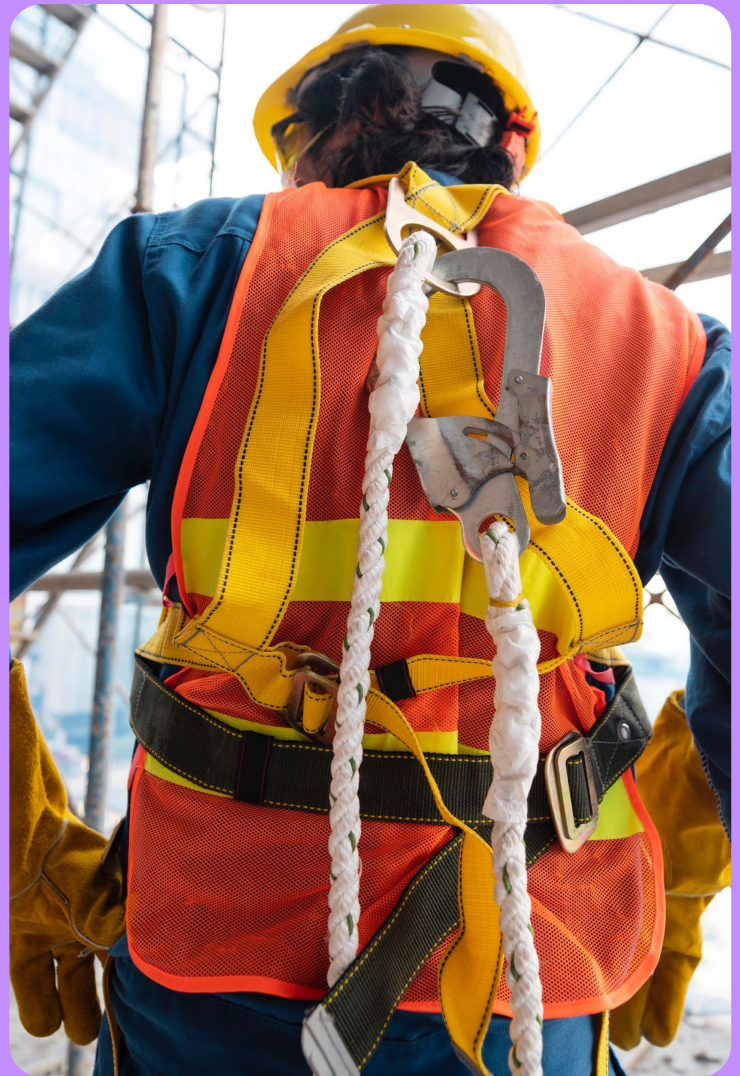
Workers can report or record incidents and complete other health and safety tasks in real time and keep on moving. Apps that enable instant, on-the-scene data collection also make a big difference in the quality of data that can be audited.



## Adopting EHS software without business intelligence

In the excitement of discovering software suites that alleviate health and safety pain points, a critical component is often overlooked: business intelligence.

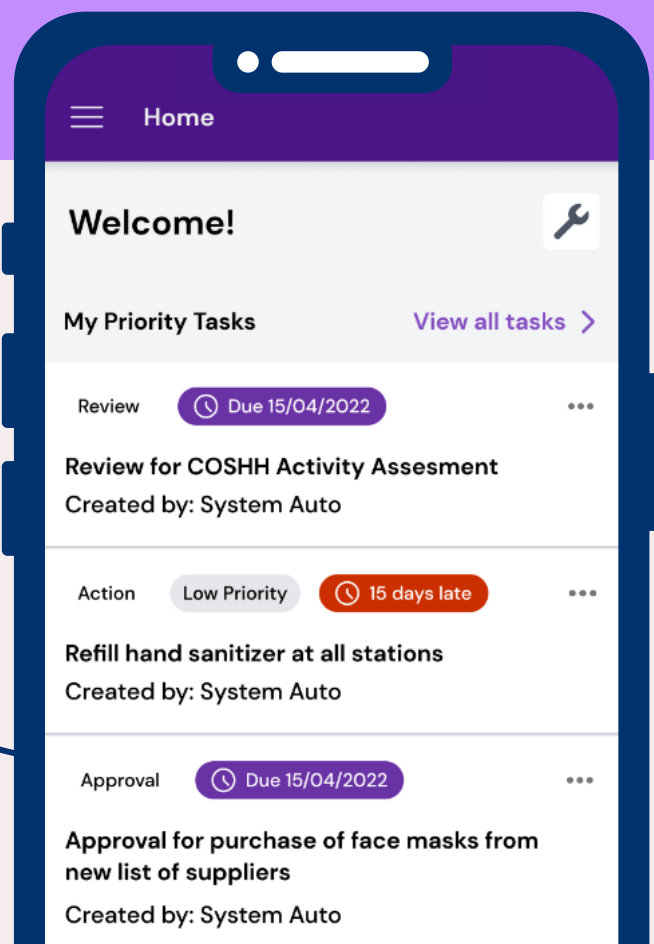
In order to proactively address health and safety challenges, you need the ability to analyze all your data, not just from a historical standpoint. Therefore, when adopting EHS software, look for a suite of features that includes everything you need to access, ingest and analyze data. This will provide you with the insights, trend analyses and predictions you need to ensure your employees are safe and that you comply with internal and external regulations.



## Need to correct safety mistakes or take a more proactive stance?

We'd love to show you how Evotix eliminates common safety challenges. Sign up for a free demo or chat.

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