

# Am I SAFE Conversation Starter Guidance Notes – Deepwater Horizon



# Introduction



- **Behaviour Safety** focuses on “unsafe” human behaviour that can result in accidents.
- Uisce Éireann has developed several videos to serve as “**Conversation Starters**” to facilitate discussion on some main contributing behaviours that can impact safety on our sites.
- These videos will highlight the impact that decision making, across all levels of a project can have on safety.
- Video content will use examples of real world incidents to promote and encourage discussion around human behaviour.

## Guidance Notes



- Video should be shared with all individuals on site from Project Manager to operatives
- Can be shared via toolbox talk, safety moment, knowledge share, progress meetings, all hands, etc
- Session should be chaired by most senior Contractors supervisor on site and ALL members of project delivery team should attend
- Some suggested leading questions follow on the next slide but all teams are free to pose their own questions and prompts to the audience.
- Records of attendance, photos, feedback, queries can be emailed to [amisafe@water.ie](mailto:amisafe@water.ie)

# Prompts, Leading Questions, etc



- **Decision Making**
  - Do you think key decisions were made without knowing all the facts or with little challenge?
- **Habit/Routine**
  - Do you think there were any signs of complacency leading up to the incident?
- **Contributory Factors**
  - Do you think the fact that drilling at Macondo well was behind program contributed to the some of the decisions made?
- **Your experience**
  - Do you feel empowered to speak up and challenge method of works?
  - Are there tasks you carry out on regular basis that could possibly become dangerous due to complacency/routine?
  - Do you believe pressure is a more important driver to complete a task than doing it safely?



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**Stop and Think** 'What are the hazards in this scenario?' 'What could go wrong?'

**Assess** the task, the work area, and the equipment.

**Follow** the procedures, protocols, and method statement.

**Engage** with your supervisor if an aspect of the task changes and requires deviation from the plan.

# Thank you.

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