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Course Introduction

Serious incidents rarely emerge without warning. Small deviations repeated minor failures, unusual equipment behavior, recurring near misses, temporary workarounds, changing operating conditions, and subtle shifts in everyday performance may appear insignificant when viewed separately. When these signals are overlooked or normalized, however, organizations can miss valuable opportunities to intervene while risk is still developing.

Boost Consulting & Training has designed this course to strengthen the ability to notice, interpret, and act on the early signs of deteriorating safety conditions. Participants learn how to distinguish meaningful weak signals from routine operational noise, connect seemingly unrelated observations, challenge the normalization of abnormal conditions, and determine when emerging patterns require investigation or preventive action. The program develops practical risk anticipation rather than simply adding another reporting process.

The main concept of this course is to turn small workplace warning signs into early safety intelligence, enabling organizations to recognize developing risk and intervene before weak signals become strong consequences.

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Target Audience

- ✓ HSE and occupational safety professionals
- ✓ Operations and maintenance managers
- ✓ Supervisors and frontline leaders
- ✓ Risk and operational excellence professionals

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Learning Objectives

- ✓ Explain the role of weak signals in anticipating emerging workplace risks.
- ✓ Identify subtle operational, behavioral, technical, and organizational indicators of deteriorating safety conditions.
- ✓ Distinguish isolated irregularities from signals that may indicate a developing risk pattern.
- ✓ Recognize normalization, repeated deviations, and gradual erosion of safety controls.
- ✓ Connect information from near misses, observations, equipment conditions, and everyday operational experience.
- ✓ Prioritize weak signals according to potential significance, uncertainty, and possible consequences.
- ✓ Establish practical escalation and response mechanisms for emerging safety concerns.
- ✓ Develop an early risk detection approach that strengthens proactive workplace safety management.

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Course Outline

✓ Day 01

Seeing Risk Before It Becomes Obvious

Understanding Weak Safety Signals

- ✓ Exploring how major events can develop from small changes, irregularities, and accumulating conditions
- ✓ Distinguishing weak signals, leading indicators, near misses, anomalies, and confirmed hazards
- ✓ Understanding why early warnings are often ambiguous, fragmented, or easy to dismiss

Where Early Warning Signs Appear

- ✓ Identifying signals in equipment behavior, work practices, employee observations, process deviations, and operating conditions
- ✓ Recognizing subtle changes in control effectiveness, housekeeping, communication, workload, and task execution
- ✓ Creating a **Weak Signal Observation Map** for a realistic workplace environment

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✓ Day 02

Recognizing When Abnormal Becomes Normal

Normalization of Deviation

- ✓ Understanding how repeated exceptions and temporary workarounds can gradually become accepted practice
- ✓ Identifying drift from procedures, operating limits, standards, and intended safety controls
- ✓ Examining why successful outcomes can reinforce unsafe assumptions when deviations do not immediately cause harm

Detecting Barrier Deterioration

- ✓ Recognizing early evidence that preventive and protective controls are weakening
- ✓ Examining recurring overrides, delayed maintenance, failed alarms, bypassed checks, and repeated control deficiencies
- ✓ Conducting a **Safety Barrier Health Check** using emerging workplace signals

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✓ Day 03

Connecting the Dots

From Isolated Signals to Emerging Patterns

- ✓ Combining near misses, observations, maintenance findings, deviations, complaints, and operational information
- ✓ Identifying recurrence, clustering, unusual combinations, and gradual deterioration across different information sources
- ✓ Avoiding both premature conclusions and dismissal of incomplete evidence

Making Sense of Uncertainty

- ✓ Assessing signals according to credibility, frequency, potential severity, and relationship to critical risks
- ✓ Deciding when additional investigation or verification is justified despite incomplete information
- ✓ Completing a **Connect-the-Signals Challenge** using fragmented evidence from a developing safety scenario

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✓ Day 04

Acting Before the Incident

Turning Early Warning into Intervention

- ✓ Determining when to observe, verify, investigate, escalate, restrict activity, or introduce preventive controls
- ✓ Matching the level of response to uncertainty, exposure, and potential consequence
- ✓ Preventing excessive reporting systems from burying significant signals in large volumes of low-value information

Strengthening Frontline Risk Sensing

- ✓ Helping employees recognize and communicate unusual conditions that may not fit conventional hazard categories
- ✓ Improving conversations between frontline teams, supervisors, maintenance, operations, and HSE
- ✓ Running an **Early Intervention Decision Simulation** based on progressively emerging warning signs

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✓ Day 05

Building an Early Risk Detection System

Creating Organizational Listening Channels

- ✓ Integrating weak signals into observations, near-miss reporting, inspections, maintenance information, and operational reviews
- ✓ Establishing practical routes for capturing unconventional concerns and frontline intuition
- ✓ Defining responsibilities for reviewing, connecting, escalating, and responding to emerging information

From Weak Signals to Preventive Intelligence

- ✓ Tracking whether recurring signals disappear, persist, migrate, or strengthen after intervention
- ✓ Using lessons from previously missed warnings to improve organizational risk sensitivity
- ✓ Developing a **Weak Signal & Early Risk Detection Framework** for workplace application

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