

The Toon Safety Company presents...


The Language of Safety



Hi. I'm Fred Sicher, a safety supervisor from the Toon Safety Company. Today, we're going to talk about the language of safety.

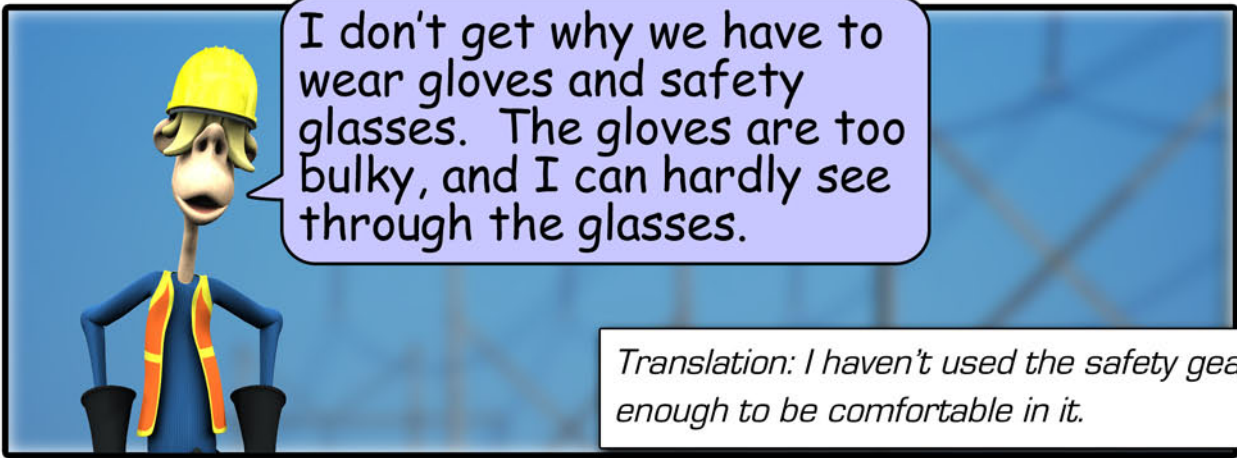
Often, unsafe people speak in a different language. They use the same words as we do, but they arrange them in ways that are confusing to most of us.

Today, we're going to listen to a few phrases in this unusual language, and translate them for you. To help with this lesson, we have enlisted the aid of a native speaker of unsafe language, Roy Dumas.



It's pronounced "Doo-mas."

Thank you, Roy. Now, listen closely as Roy says each phrase, and then read the translation at the bottom.



I don't get why we have to wear gloves and safety glasses. The gloves are too bulky, and I can hardly see through the glasses.

Translation: I haven't used the safety gear enough to be comfortable in it.

These engineers don't know what they are talking about. I've been doing this job for twenty years and I've never had a problem doing it this way.



Translation: I don't know what they are talking about, so I'd rather do what I know rather than learn something new.



We have too many procedures.

A procedure will make our operators complacent. They'll come to rely on it too much. You can't write a procedure for everything.

Translation: I don't want to be held down to a process, and I don't want to be responsible for following a procedure.

You supervisors are making it unsafe by watching us.



If you weren't here, we wouldn't be so nervous and could concentrate on our work.

Translation: I'm not used to doing work by the procedures. If you would go away, I could go back to taking my shortcuts.

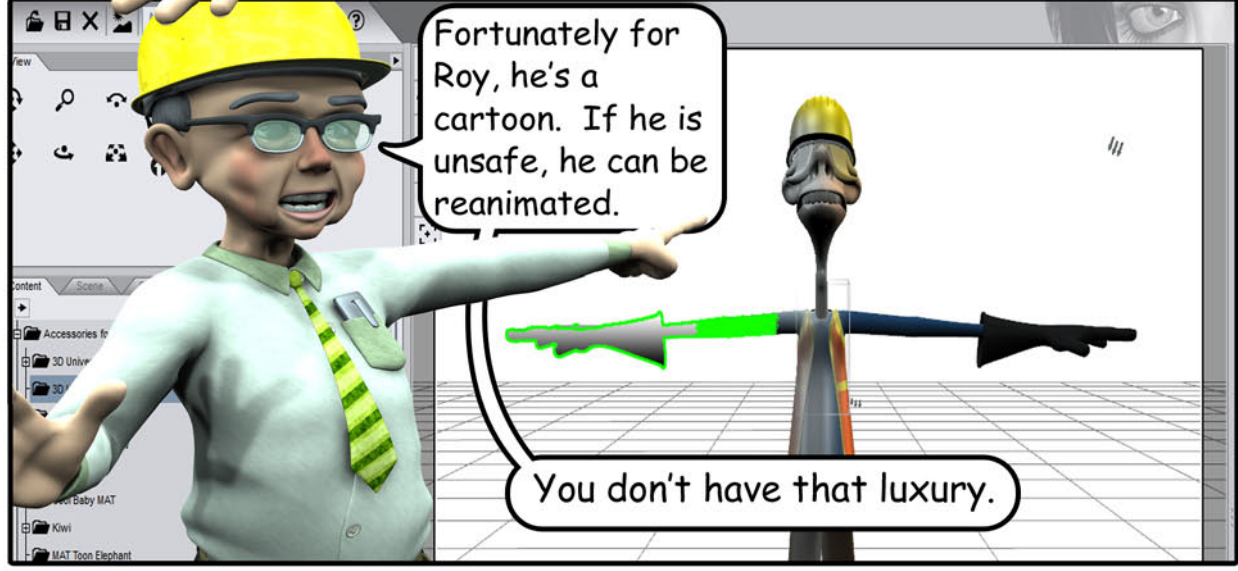
As you learn to translate this un-
better prepared to work safely
into shortcuts and other

safe language, you will be
without talking yourself
unsafe practices...



...that often lead
to horrible
injuries....

or worse!



Fortunately for
Roy, he's a
cartoon. If he is
unsafe, he can be
reanimated.

You don't have that luxury.



Just remember that you
are only as safe as your
most unsafe act. Use the
tools you are given, and
don't talk yourself out of
safety.

You are too
important.