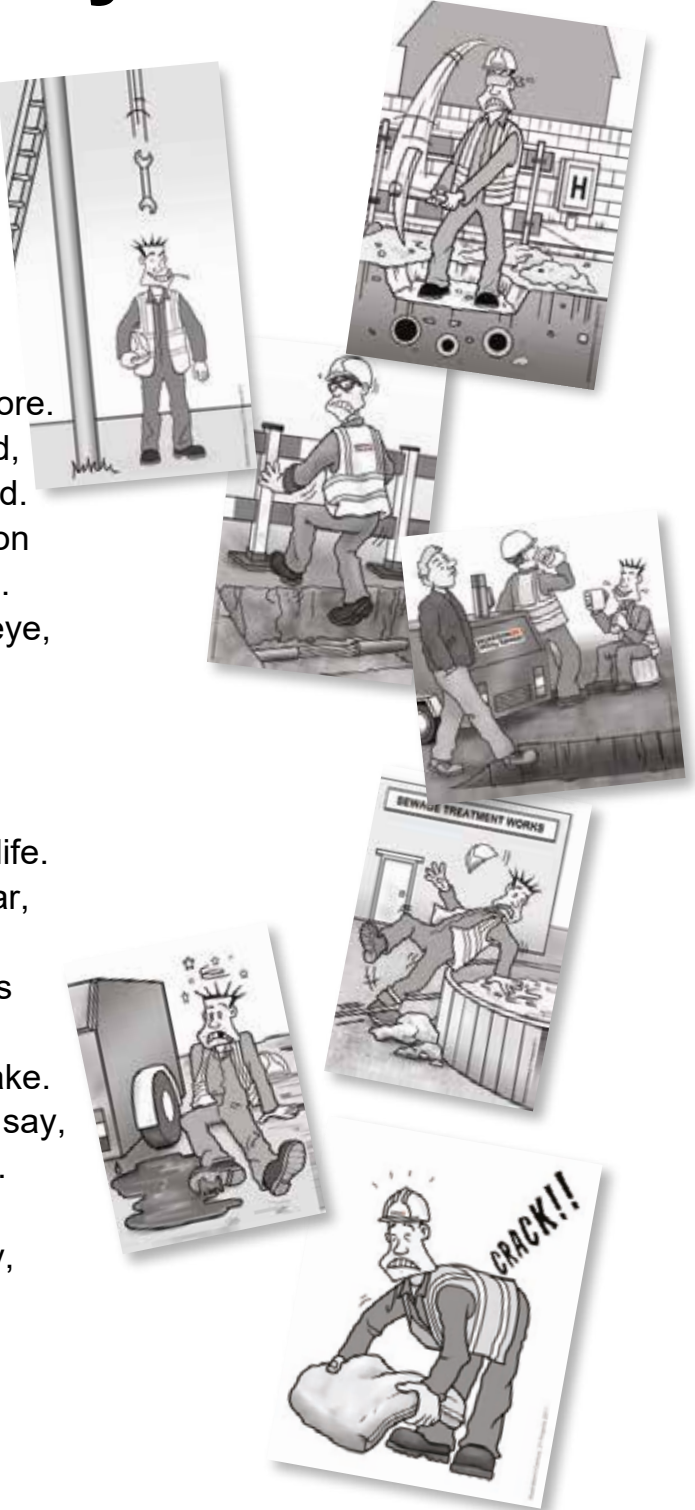


# I Chose to Look the Other Way

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I could have saved a life today,  
But I chose to look the other way.  
It wasn't that I didn't care,  
I had the time, and I was there.  
But I didn't want to seem a fool,  
or argue over a safety rule.  
I knew he'd done the job before,  
if I called it wrong, he might get sore.  
The chances didn't seem that bad,  
I've done the same, he knew I had.  
So I shook my head and walked on by.  
He knew the risks as well as I.  
He took the chance, I closed an eye,  
And with that act, I let him die.  
I could have saved a life today,  
but I chose to look the other way.  
Now every time I see his wife,  
I'll know I should have saved his life.  
That guilt is something I must bear,  
But it isn't something you need to share.  
If you see a risk that others take,  
That puts their health or life at stake.  
The question asked, or thing you say,  
Could help them live another day.  
If you see a risk and walk away,  
Then hope you never have to say,  
I could have saved a life today,  
But I chose to look the other way



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