



# CO2 TRAINING:



“I made a Mistake”



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# MISTAKE:

**“A misunderstanding of the meaning or implication of something.”**

**“A wrong action or statement proceeding from faulty judgment, inadequate knowledge, or inattention.”**

**--Webster's Dictionary**



**WHEN IS THE  
LAST TIME  
YOU  
MADE A  
MISTAKE  
?**

# WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL MAKES A MISTAKE, HE/SHE SHOULD:

- Cover it up
- Admit it w/no comment
- Admit it w/comment
- \_\_\_\_\_ ?

# **WHEN DO INDIVIDUALS LEARN FROM MISTAKES?**

- **When they want to**
- **Never**
- **When the consequences become a teaching tool or teachable moment**

# WHAT DO INDIVIDUALS LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES WHEN ADMITTED

- **Nothing**
- **Try to cover up better**
- **Lessons are Learned**

**WHEN A MISTAKE IS HONESTLY  
ADMITTED....**

**WHAT SHOULD BE THE RESULT?**





# **WHEN WE MAKE A MISTAKE HOW DO WE REACT?**

- **“THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT!”**
- **“I WASN’T THINKING.”**
- **“IT WAS AN ‘HONEST’ MISTAKE.**
- **“I’M SORRY.”**
- **“I MISUNDERSTOOD.”**

# SCENARIO 1:

**A Co-worker (Civilian/Soldier)  
makes a minor mistake that  
causes a minor inconvenience to  
you.**

**How do you react?**

## **SCENARIO 2:**

**A Co-worker (Civilian/Military)  
makes a major error that impacts  
your project in a significant way.**

**How do you react?**

**“If you can’t make a mistake, you  
can’t make anything.”**

**--Marva N. Collins**



**“THE GREATEST MISTAKE  
YOU CAN MAKE IN LIFE IS  
CONTINUALLY TO BE  
FEARING YOU WILL MAKE  
ONE.”**

**--Elbert Hubbard**



**“JUST WHEN YOU THINK  
YOU’VE GRADUATED FROM  
THE SCHOOL OF EXPERIENCE,  
SOMEONE THINKS UP A NEW  
COURSE.”**

**--Mary H. Waldrip**



**“HE WHO NEVER MADE A  
MISTAKE NEVER MADE A  
DISCOVERY”**

**--Samuel Smiles**



**“ADMIT YOUR ERRORS BEFORE  
SOMEONE ELSE EXAGGERATES  
THEM.”**

**--Dr. Andrew V. Mason, M.D.**







**“MISTAKES ARE THE USUAL  
BRIDGE BETWEEN INEXPERIENCE  
AND WISDOM”**

**--Phyllis Theroux**