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# Mistake-Proofing

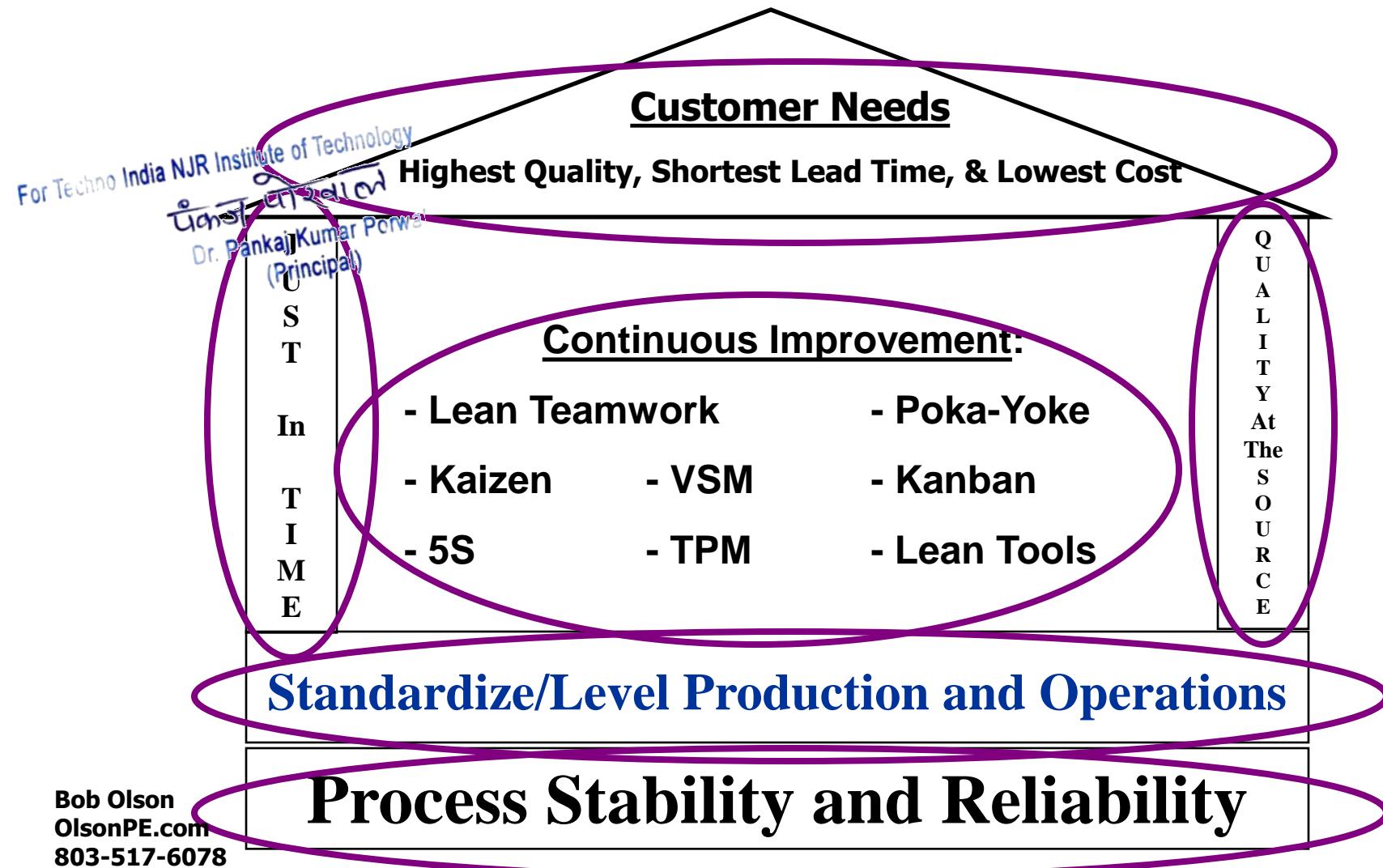
## Poka-Yoke

# Poka-Yoke Training Objectives

- Gain a basic understanding of Poka-Yoke procedures and how they fit into the Lean process improvement
- Learn skills to identify causes for mistakes by applying problem solving tools and nominal group techniques
- Understand the six Poka-Yoke Techniques to eliminate mistakes or to make them immediately apparent if they occur
- Apply skills learned to current brainstormed mistake sources
- Have Fun!

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# The House of Lean



# Which Lean Tools to Use?

<u>Problem to Address</u>	<u>Lean Tool to Use</u>
Lack of a plan <i>For TECMO India NJR Institute of Technology Problem Solving Dr. Pankaj Kumar Porwal</i>	Value Stream Mapping
Workplace Organization	Kaizen Events
Material Flow Issues	The 5S System
Stability Issues, Defects, Errors, Accidents	TPM (Total Productive Maintenance), Poka-Yoke (Mistake Proofing), Quick Changeovers
Process Flow Issues	Takt/Cycle Times, Standardized Work, Lean Cell Design, Workload Balancing, Batch Size, One-Piece Flow, Quality at the Source
Supply (Pull) Issues	Kanban, Point-Of-Use-Storage (POUS)
Pursuit of Perfection	Kaizen Principles, Workplace Practices

# Review of 8 Wastes (Mudas)

<u>Muda</u>	<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Healthcare</u>
Defects/Errors	Scrap, rework	Incorrect data	Incomplete forms
Overproduction	Pushing production	Filling other's in-box	Extra tests
Waiting	Waiting on _____	Waiting on _____	Waiting on _____
Non-Utilized People	No Input from workers	No Input from workers	No Input from workers
Transportation	Moving product, etc.	Multiple reviews	Patient transfer
Inventory	WIP, materials, etc.	Full files; extra copies	Awaiting service
Motion	Searching, retrieving	Hand carry documents	Reaching and bending
Extra Steps	NVA steps	Repetitive data entry	Repetitive data entry

**Muda = Non-Value Added Waste = "Anything the customer is unwilling to pay for"**

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# **“Poka-Yoke”**

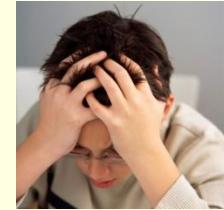
## Mistake-Proofing

- ❖ Poka-Yoke is a system to prevent mistakes from happening or immediately catches any mistake that has happened so that it can be corrected
- ❖ Human errors are inevitable in any process, but for every error, **there is a cause(s)** that can be corrected or a system implemented to detect the error for correction
- ❖ Defects occur when mistakes are allowed to reach the customer; the aim of Poka-Yoke is to design processes so that mistakes are prevented or corrected immediately, thus eliminating defects at the source

# What is Your Organization's Culture?

## Wrong Attitude:

- You're always going to have mistakes
- Blame someone or something else (excuses)
- Better training is the answer



**"I'm just having  
a bad hair day!"**

## Right Attitude:

- Any kind of mistake people make can be reduced and even eliminated
- People make fewer mistakes if they are supported by a system based on the principle that errors can always be prevented

**Can't = The dirtiest  
4 letter word**

# Error Prevention is better than Defect Detection

- Errors are the Cause
- Defects are the Result
- ~~Defects are Prevented If:~~  
~~Errors are prevented from happening~~
  - Errors are discovered and corrected
- The 1-10-100 Rule: As activities progress through a value stream, the cost of correcting an error increases by a factor of 10.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Order entered correctly	\$ 1
Error detected in billing	\$ 10
Error detected by customer	\$ 100

# Classroom Exercise

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- Brainstorm mistakes/errors that have occurred (or that could occur) in your organization
  - Mistake and Error Examples:
    - Accidents
    - Data Entry
    - Communications
    - Procedures
    - Computer Glitches
    - Scrap/Rework Situations
    - Safety Audit Findings
    - Analysis of Past Accidents
    - Mislabeling
    - Wrong Shipments
    - Quality Problems
    - Not Following Procedures

# The Poka-Yoke System for Mistake Proofing

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## A. Awareness

(Brainstorming, Communication, Measurement)

## B. Root Cause Analysis

(The Five Why's, Brainstorm & Prioritize Causes)

## C. Six Poka-Yoke Techniques

1. Elimination
2. Replacement
3. Prevention
4. Facilitation
5. Detection
6. Mitigation

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The First Step of Poka-Yoke is

# “AWARENESS”

- Brainstorm what has gone wrong and/or could go wrong
- Communicate possible errors
- Measure actual errors and post on communication boards
  - Run charts on safety performance, quality issues, scrap, rework, customer complaints, etc.
  - Pareto Analysis (80/20 Rule) of Past Performance
- Routinely review performance and ask for ideas for improvement

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The Second Step of Poka-Yoke is

# “Root Cause Analysis”

## The 5 Why's

~~List the mistake/error at the top~~

- ❖ Ask why the problem occurs and record answers (if too many answers are generated, prioritize the list to a manageable number)
- ❖ For each answer, ask why it occurs and record answers
- ❖ Keep asking why (approximately 5 levels) for each answer to get to the true root cause(s) of the problem
- ❖ Stay within range of possible solutions by continually asking, “Can we fix this problem?”
- ❖ Be alert to drifting away from practical solutions

# The Five Why's Example

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**Problem: "Why are we replacing the tires?"**

- They get flat all the time.

**Why do they get flat?**

- They get nails in them.

**Why do they get nails?**

- There are nails on the floor.

**Why are there nails on the floor?**

- Nails fall out of their wet cartons.

**Why are the cartons wet?**

- There is a hole in the roof.

**Solution: Fix the hole in the roof.**

# The 5 Why's Worksheet

<b>Description of the Incident:</b>		
<b>Why did the incident occur?</b>		
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Why?	Why?	Why?
Why?	Why?	Why?
Why?	Why?	Why?

# The 5 Why's Worksheet Example

Description of the Incident:	Finger cut on razor blade at work station	
Why did the incident occur?		
Loose razor blade on work table <i>India NJR Institute of Technology</i> <i>Took It Why?</i> <i>Dr. Pankaj Kumar Porwal</i>	Loose razor blade on work table <b>Why?</b>	Not wearing safety gloves <b>Why?</b>
Blade used for cutting wraps off roll <b>Why?</b>	Blade not disposed of properly <b>Why?</b>	Gloves not available <b>Why?</b>
Yarn wraps on roll <b>Why?</b>	Blade disposal container too far away <b>Why?</b>	Supply cabinet not stocked <b>Why?</b>
Roll surface is rough <b>Why?</b>		Lack of a <b>5S</b> and Kanban system for cabinet <b>Why?</b>
Roll is worn over time		No one is responsible for supply cabinet

The Third Step of Poka-Yoke is

# “Solutions to Address Causes”

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## The Six Mistake-Proofing Techniques:

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  2. Replacement
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  5. Detection
  6. Mitigation

## Poka-Yoke Technique #1:

# Elimination

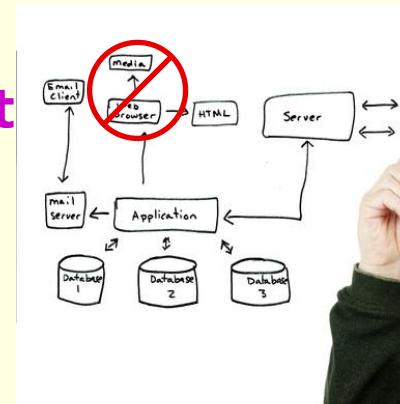
### ➤ Description:

- Eliminate the step that causes the mistake

- Remove Non-Value Added activities
- Redesign the product or process

### ➤ Examples:

- Replace manual data entry with computerized download
- Eliminate unneeded processing step that is allowing contamination to occur



## Poka-Yoke Technique #2:

# Replacement

### Description:

**Replace the step with a more reliable mistake-proof one**

- Automation of repetitive motion activities

### ➤ Examples:

- Welding robotics for automobile manufacturers
- Automatic letter scanners and sorters
- Copy machines with collating and stapling features



## Poka-Yoke Technique #3:

# Prevention

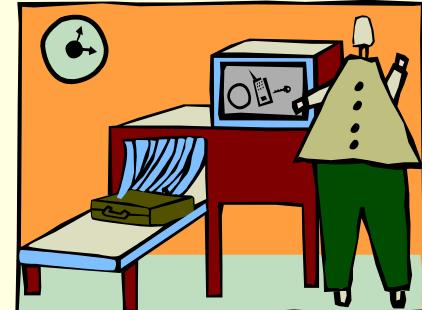
### Description:

**Change product or process so that mistake is impossible**

- **Physical barrier or fit to prevent undesired action**

### ➤ Examples:

- **Guards on moving equipment**
- **Plugs for 110V & 220V**
- **Printer cartridges**
- **Go/No Go Gauges**



## Poka-Yoke Technique #4:

# Facilitation

### Description:

**Make the correct action far easier than the mistake**

- Visual controls like color coding, labels, lines, and signs

### Examples:

- Warning signs
- Checklists
- Traffic lane markings
- Color coded parts or tools



## Poka-Yoke Technique #5:

# Detection

### ➤ **Description:**

- Make mistakes obvious for immediate correction
- Sensors, limit switches, light sensors

### ➤ **Examples:**

- Safety guard limit switches to prevent machine running when open
- Set number of parts to install; if there are any left over, then it was missed
- Computer warning if all information is not filled in



## Poka-Yoke Technique #6:

# Mitigation

### Description:

**Minimize the effects of mistakes**

**- For when the mistake cannot be eliminated**

### Examples:

- Personal protective equipment
- Air bags in cars
- Electrical fuses
- An eraser on a pencil



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Your Google Account is more than just Gmail.

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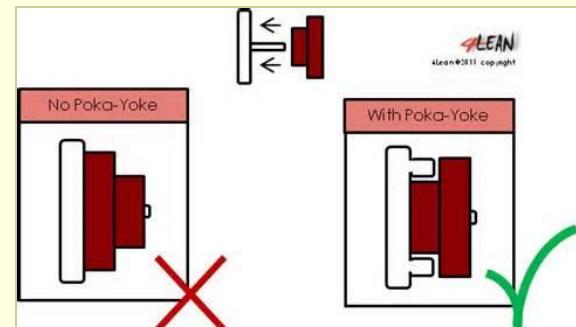
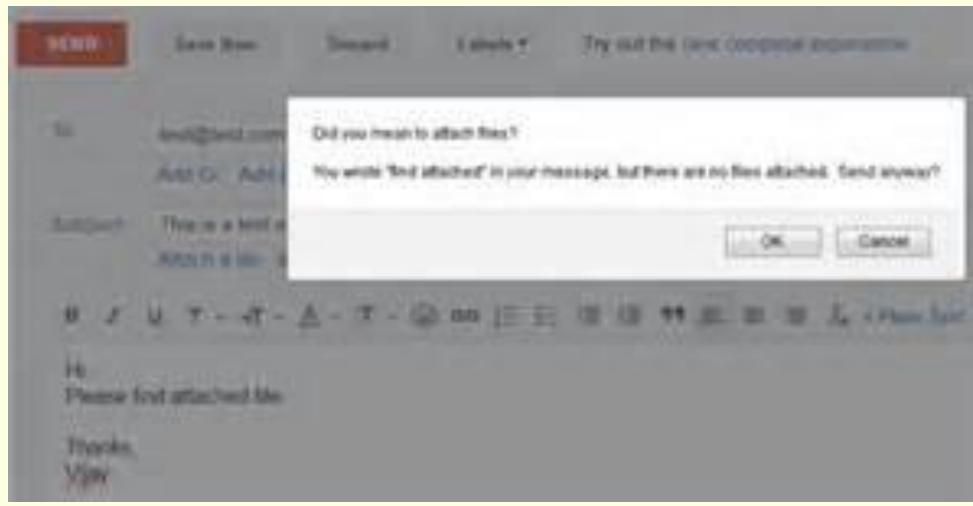
**Password strength: Too short**

Use at least 8 characters. Don't use a password from another site, or something too obvious like your pet's name. Why?

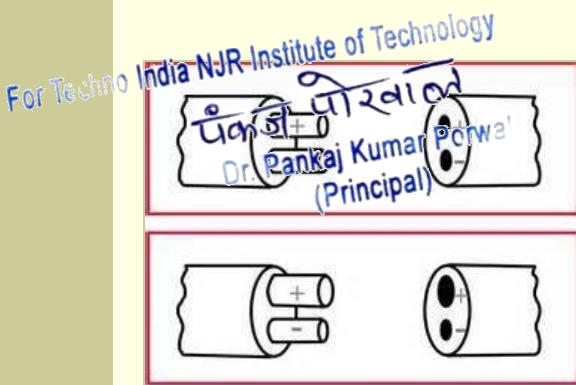
Take it all with you.

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
Choose your username: firstlast100@gmail.com  
Create a password: \_\_\_\_\_  
Short passwords are easy to guess. Try one with at least 8 characters.  
Confirm your password: \_\_\_\_\_

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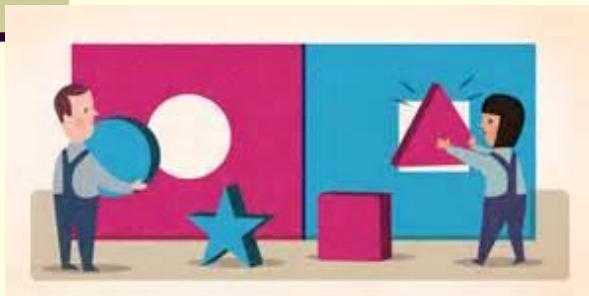


Possible to use too little or too much.  
Even possible to forget if dose given at all.

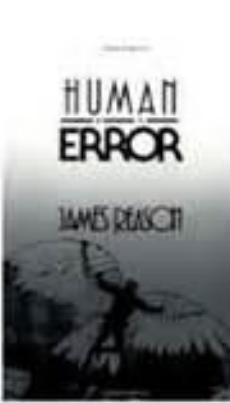
Fixed Dose.  
Empty Packet as Evidence of Use



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# Poka-Yoke Examples



# Poka-Yoke Worksheet

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<b>Top three Causes for the Incident</b>	
	<b>Poka-Yoke Solutions</b>
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<u>Replacement</u> : Can the activity be automated?	
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<u>Facilitation</u> : Can visual controls be utilized?	
<u>Detection</u> : How can the mistake be immediately detected?	
<u>Mitigation</u> : How can the effect of the mistake be minimized?	

# Poka-Yoke Worksheet

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<b>Top three Causes for the Incident</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Roll wear causes rough surface that causes wraps</li> <li>2. Blade disposal container too far away</li> <li>3. Gloves are not reliably available from supply cabinet</li> </ol>
<b>Poka-Yoke Solutions</b>	
<u>Elimination</u> : Can the activity be eliminated?	Determine roll life and replace before worn; eliminate wraps and the need for razors
<u>Replacement</u> : Can the activity be automated?	
<u>Prevention</u> : Can the mistake be physically prevented?	Investigate new blade design to prevent finger cuts
<u>Facilitation</u> : Can visual controls be utilized?	Relocate blade disposal container to point of use
<u>Detection</u> : How can the mistake be immediately detected?	
<u>Mitigation</u> : How can the effect of the mistake be minimized?	Assign responsibility of supply cabinet to day shift supervisor; set up kanban with 5S audits

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# Question & Answer Time

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## Any Interest in Process Improvements?

- Lean
- Kaizen
- Six Sigma
- Value Stream Mapping
- Other Lean Tools
- Problem Solving
- 5S
- SPC
- Poka-Yoke

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