

AN ANGEL AND A BAT

This is a quick and simple perception exercise that is used to demonstrate the fact that different people see different things. This exercise is a valuable training tool that can be used to assist us in the area of safety.

WHEN TO USE THIS EXERCISE

This exercise can be used during any safety meeting, training session, or safety induction and can be used with groups of any size. It has many different uses, for example, it can be used when you want to emphasize the reason why it is important to have two or more people involved in identifying hazards in the workplace.

When people see the associated picture some of them will see the angel first and others will see the bat first. This demonstrates a difference in people's perception. This exercise can be used to complement training in the areas of:

- Risk Identification and Assessment
- Incident Investigation
- Task Analysis and Job Hazard Analysis
- Etc.

DURATION

Allow 5 to 10 minutes.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

An overhead or handout of the angel and the bat perception picture.

HOW TO RUN THIS EXERCISE

STEP 1 Show an overhead or picture of the angel and the bat to the participants.

STEP 2 Ask the participants: "*What do you see?*"

Get responses from the participants.

STEP 3 Conduct the group discussion.

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Examples of discussion questions include:

- Is it common for people to see different things when they are looking at the same object?
- Can this be used to assist us in the area of safety? Can you give me some examples?
- Can this be a hindrance to us in the area of safety? Why? How?
- How can we apply this knowledge to help us improve safety?

ATTACHMENTS

The angel and the bat perception picture.

