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A person with narrow vision has a restricted horizon; a person with wide vision has plentiful opportunities

Safety Science: The Excellent Adventure

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Let's learn from the past, in style - did someone say time travel? Scientists have spent a century trying to understand how to keep people safe in the workplace, from the dusty factory floors of the early 1900s to the towering glass skyscrapers of modern cityscapes. We've tried to learn all that we can from the tragedies solemnly documented in the pages of our history books. And it's about more than just *being excellent to each other.*

Health and safety professionals needn't reinvent the wheel. Instead, we should look to the past to understand the work of safety science and apply a critical lens to the shiny 'new' safety philosophies that get touted as the next big thing to fix our health and safety woes. Where did behaviour-based safety come from? Is the Swiss cheese model still a valid way to think about accidents? Why did the idea of 'safety culture' suddenly explode onto the scene in the early 2000s?

We're going to travel back through the decades to meet some of the pioneers of safety science. We'll stop in at various points in history to learn more about the pivotal theories that shaped our understanding of risk and safety. This *most excellent* crash course in safety science will deepen the health and safety professional's understanding of basic safety concepts. The time-travelling phonebooth door is open, and I'm waiting inside. Are you coming, *dude?*