



Safety is Quality

This belt buckle represents a lesson I began teaching machinists back in the 1980s. The idea is simple: if your mind is focused on doing the job safely, your mind is on the job, present in the moment. When you're paying attention to hand position, machine travel, clearances, sharp edges, rotating parts — you're not distracted by last night, the weekend, or anything else.

Focused Awareness and Better Work

That level of focused awareness produces better work. Safety isn't just about preventing accidents. Safety creates quality.

The Unity of Safety and Quality

By intentionally working safely, you naturally perform the task with care, precision, and pride. The buckle is a reminder that safety and quality are not two separate goals — they are one and the same.

