

**The danger**

of

**Cutting  
Corners**

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**The Fear Factor**

The second phenomenon that props up after stepping over fear is the urge to 'get it over and done with as quickly as possible'. This often leads to an attempt to cut corners.

## What does it mean to cut corners?

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Cutting corners means to undertake something in what appears to be the easiest, quickest, or cheapest way at the expense of high standards, especially by omitting to do something important and ignoring rules.

*This week we should consider this subject more closely. Is there really a need to ignore rules? Any **'real' danger** in cutting corners? let's learn from others and consider a real life story before we reach our conclusions.*

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There was a young man: handsome, tall and a great communicator. He was a prince, born to a powerful and wealthy king. This young man had an uncontrolled anger problem and worse still he believed he could have his way at all times. His philosophy was to use what he had: his physique, position etc to get what he wanted. And he was good with what he did. On many occasions, he would trick both his king father and palace officials to get his way. Apparently, he did not consider his habitual cutting corners to get results problematic as long as he was 'succeeding'. He became so confident with his antics, he proceeded to play his tricks on the ordinary people of the kingdom. And he became even more 'successful'. Let me quickly highlight four dangers of cutting corners here before we conclude our story:

- Most times, cutting corners deliver quick wins which aligns well with human nature's desire for immediate results
- Quick wins come with the appetite for more
- The appetite for more wins builds the motivation to cut even more corners and habits are eventually created
- Habits leads to reputation that ultimately pulls in the nemesis

Our young man became famous among the people and some palace officials. He got so bold, he pushed his father out of the throne. Life was good, things were going his way but he had unwittingly created a reputation of playing games to succeed in the kingdom. Against that background, it was a matter of time that he made an irreversible erroneous decision based on a 'trusted advice' and a brutal and abrupt end came for he lost his life in a battle against his own father!



***Be careful,** there is a real danger to cutting corners, just once is enough to trigger the negative consequences. There is always a nemesis to cutting corners and the 'apparent success' of cutting corners is so alluring, it becomes easily habitual.*



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