

Seven Deadly Wastes Action Guide

Welcome to the 7 Deadly Wastes Action guide. This video, and the subsequent downloadable support material, is meant to help you practice what you just learned in this course.

Now then, as we learned during the course, the concept of standing in the circle is an incredibly powerful way to quickly identify the many different types of wastes surrounding each and every one of us.

So, in this action guide, we're simply going to encourage you to watch the "stand in the circle" video one more time... print out the "stand in the circle template"... and prepare to identify, and counter, waste!

Now, as we've mentioned throughout this course, it really doesn't matter where you work since the 7 deadly wastes most definitely don't discriminate! They're happy to tear down any process no matter if you're in a factory producing parts or in an office making sales calls.

So, with this said, once you've identified an area to focus on, we'd encourage you to simply find a safe location, mark a circle on the ground with chalk or tape, and simply stand inside it and observe for at least 30 minutes.

When you see examples of waste, document them accordingly on the 7 deadly wastes template that is available to download in the resources section of the course.

Once you've identified several different types of wastes your next step is to work with your colleagues in order to identify the root cause of at least a few of the items on your list.

And once you've done this, we'd like to challenge you to counter at least one issue within the next 30 minutes. And, obviously, feel free to counter more issues if you can! You'd be amazed at how much you and your team will be able to accomplish once you really focus and come together as a problem-solving unit.

Finally, you'll also want to identify any follow-up actions that should be taken in order to improve the other issues you weren't able to work on immediately.

Once you're at this point we'd encourage you to share your results with your colleagues and, most especially, the leadership of your company. We're providing a 7 Deadly Wastes Action Guide Presentation that will allow you to document what you've done making it easy to tell, and share, your story with others.

Like we've mentioned in other action guide videos, in the end, the most important thing you can do with the things you're learning here at Gemba Academy is take action and make improvements.

Watching our videos is great, and an important part of the learning journey... but nothing, and I do mean nothing, can beat going to your gemba, or the place your work is done, and making improvements.

The last thing I'd like to say is that we'd love to see and hear about your process improvements... so if you'd like to share your success stories, and your challenges, feel free to send them to us.

As always, if you have any questions at all please do let us know. Thanks for your business and best of luck on your continuous improvement journey.