



### ***Well, Duh!***

I don't know about you, but when I read this sign, my first reaction was "Well, no foolin'! Of course you're not going to pass when cars are coming at you." But the sad thing is, there were probably some serious accidents on that stretch of road that prompted the local transportation department to put up this sign.

So why would anyone try to pass when the disastrous outcome is so obvious? The answer would probably be similar if you were to ask why people don't wear eye protection while working with chemicals. Or why people don't wear a harness while working on high, steep roofs, or why people stand on the top rung of a ladder and lean. Why do people travel at high speed during an ice storm, and why don't some people ever wear seatbelts or motorcycle helmets? Ignorance? Arrogance? Stubbornness? Rebellion?

Maybe someday scientists will develop a pill to keep people from doing really stupid things. Until then, do a quick risk assessment before you start any job. If you find that the dangers have you saying, "Well, duh, I'm gonna hurt myself if I do it that way," then stop and think again about how you can make the job a little safer.