Nuts and Bolts Workshop Handout Professional tone- Avoid:

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slang or very casual language

colloquial expressions,

cute quote marks

parenthetical expressions

first person- especially in sciences and math

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1. An engineer must know he is doing the right thing even when others might push back.

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1. It easy to ignore situations that may require further investigation or keep problems at the lowest level because of pressure from the people you work for.

It easy to ignore situations that may require further investigation or hide problems from superiorsbecause of pressure from employers.

1. Concerns for safety and doing the right thing would far outweigh the cutting of corners just to make a profit.

Concerns for safety and ethical conduct would far outweigh taking shortcuts just to make a profit.