

## Equal Opportunity Training Video

**Key personalities in this scene are:**

**John** - care worker

**Maria and Angus** - good friends and work colleagues of John

**Carmel** - their supervisor



### Generation Gap

## Transcript

### Act I

John has an argument with his co-workers Maria and Angus in the common room of a nursing home.

**Setting:** Corridor of a nursing home, opening into a common area.

*John, a care worker in his fifties, is carrying a table into a common area. Two of his colleagues, Maria and Angus, who are in their twenties are in the room offering tea to a resident.*

**Maria** Look out Gus, one of the residents is up and about. Oh, it's John! I'm sorry.

**Angus** Hey, old bloke. Take a load off. *(He pushes the wheelchair towards him.)* Hey, is the dementia bad today John?

**John** Why don't you just piss off? When are you going to give it up? And it was you that scratched my name off the safety training list, wasn't it?

**Angus** What? Look John, what do you need to know about these programs anyway?

**Maria** You'll be on a tropical island in a few months somewhere...

**John** Oh, yeah, right.

**Angus** You can always check in here.

**John** Oh, thanks!

**Angus** John, what are you so upset about?

**John** You finished?

**Angus** Finished? I haven't even sta... I didn't do anything!

**John** Finished? Can I go now...? Can I go...?

**Angus** What's your problem? Just relax John. Just take it easy, alright...? (*John leaves*). What is his problem?

## Act II

John speaks with Carmel in her office about his concerns.

**Setting:** An office behind the nurses' station.

*Carmel is a supervisor. She is seated at her desk. John enters the room, and Carmel gestures him to sit down as she finishes off some paperwork.*

**John:** Oh Carmel, um, just wondering if I can have a word with you about something in confidence? Is that alright?

**Carmel:** Well John, I'm just on my way to a meeting is this going to take long?

**John:** Oh no, I just want to tell you what's happening, about the safety training program, that's all.

**Carmel:** Yes, what about it?

**John:** Well someone's crossed my name off the list.

**Carmel:** Look um, we're pretty limited in the funding for this. Anyway you have so much experience, I mean you've got a lot of experience and um we thought you might not need to do it.

**John:** Might not need to? Ok, it's not because of my age or anything?

**Carmel:** Oh, not at all, um what makes you think that?

**John:** Why Angus and Maria keep um you know..

**Carmel:** Oh, what have those two been up to?

**John:** They keep on going on about how old I am and they never seem to let up and I thought..

**Carmel:** Look John, tell them from me, stop the funny business or else, ok?

**John:** Yep, Carmel, You're their supervisor, I mean wouldn't it be better if it came from you?

**Carmel:** Look, I'll bring it up at tomorrow's staff meeting. How' that? But I really do have to go John.

**John:** *(talks to himself)* I don't know.

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