[](https://goo.gl/vAQDsP)**5 WHYs TEMPLATE**

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| **DEFINE THE PROBLEM** |  |  | | | | |  |  | |  | | | |  | | |  |  | | |  |  | | |  |  | | |  |  | | | | | | | |  | | | |
|  | Define problem here | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | |
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| **WHY IS THIS  A PROBLEM?** |  | **PRIMARY CAUSE** | | | | | |  | |  | | | |  | | |  |  | | |  |  | | |  |  |  | |  | | | | | | | | |  | | | |
|  | Why is it happening? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  | | |  |  | | |  |  |  | |  | | | | | | | | |  | | | |
| 1 | It is happening because | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |  | | | | | |  | | | |
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|  |  | | 2 | It is happening because | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  |  | | | | | | | | | | | Why is that? | | | | | | | **ROOT CAUSE** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
|  | **NOTE: If the final "Why" has no controllable solution, return to the previous "Why."** | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | It is happening because | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | |
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| **CORRECTIVE ACTION TO TAKE** |  | **CORRECTIVE ACTION** | | | | | | | |  | | | |  | | |  |  | | |  |  | | |  | PARTY RESPONSIBLE | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | |
|  | Describe action here | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | |
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