



12 Reasons Why People Repeat Mistakes

“I already know how it’s done.”

Some folks think they know it all and don’t have anything left to learn.

“I’ll never be in this situation again.”

Some people think an activity won’t occur again — even though it probably will.

“It won’t matter anyway.”

Some folks think most failures are beyond their control — so learning from them is pointless.

“I don’t have time.”

Some people are too busy to think about, much less learn from, their mistakes.

“I’m rarely wrong.”

Some folks believe they don’t make mistakes. Obviously, they’ll never learn.

“I always do it this way.”

Some people do things without much forethought. The last thing on their mind is applying lessons learned.

“What do they know?”

Some folks avoid feedback like the plague. They believe that if they don’t know about their flaws, they don’t have any.

“No one ever told me.”

Some people live or work alone. They repeat mistakes because they’re unaware of them.

“It looks good to me.”

Some folks have a weird sense of reality. Whenever they make mistakes, they convince themselves otherwise.

“I’m so unlucky.”

Some people believe a mistake is the result of bad luck. In that case, it’s pointless to learn from it.

“I don’t care how others did it.”

Some folks refuse to consider whether something’s been done before — much less apply lessons learned.

“I’m too old to learn a new way.”

Some people think they’ve been “at this for so long” there’s no need to learn. That’s a mistake!