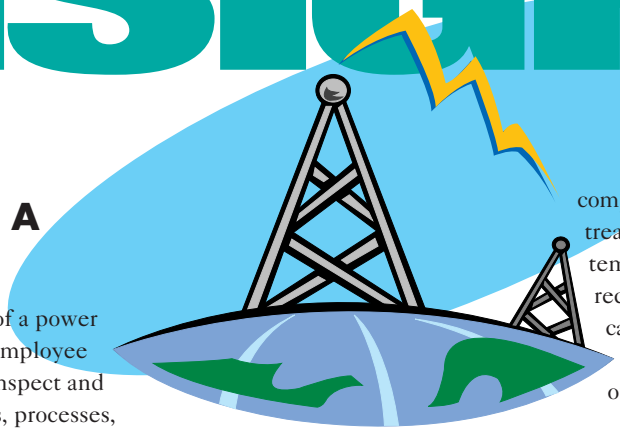
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Safety During a Power Failure

Anticipating the consequences of a power interruption is essential where employee safety is dependent on power. Inspect and review your facilities, operations, processes, systems, and procedures to determine if hazards could arise from power interruptions, and to ensure that emergency procedures are adequate to address them.

Employee safety issues raised by a power interruption depend on circumstances. Fire suppression, emergency communications, lockout-tagout, ventilation, temperature control and illumination are just a few examples of processes, systems and procedures that could be affected by power interruptions.

Your workplace safety and health program should consider these issues, in addition to other hazards, and include corrective methods or procedures to protect employees. It is the employer's responsibility to make hazard assessment determinations and to establish, implement and maintain procedures for employee safety during a power interruption. ■

Source: J.J. Keller & Associates

Parts Cleaning

The ChemStation system delivers aqueous parts cleaning chemicals to hundreds of industries in the world of manufacturing. Whether it's precision musical instruments, auto manufacturing, shipbuilding, aircraft manufacturing, food processing or a multitude of other manufacturing operations, we're there providing clean, safe, environmentally friendly solutions. Pencil ferrules, locomotive engine blocks, automobile parts and other manufactured components made of steel, stainless steel, yellow metals (copper, brass, bronze), plastics, cast iron and aluminum are samples of cleaning applications that get the custom-formulated treatment.



We clean grease (synthetic and natural), gear oils, ink resins, cosmoline, drawing compound, cutting oils and coolants and more with products that are soft metal safe, rust inhibiting, low- or no-foam, compatible with filtration, oil-removing or wastewater treatment systems, and with the awareness of temperature concerns that affect our product recommendation. Whether you're using spray cabinets, dip tanks, vibratory equipment, ultrasonic, or pressure spray…with ChemStation products, our system is your solution! ■

The Ides of March

International Mirth Month is upon us. The merry month of March is set aside to encourage more mirthful moments. March 20-27 is Anonymous Giving Week…a time to celebrate the true spirit of giving by experiencing the joy of performing random acts of kindness. On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps. Fort Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna on March 6, 1836. Several years later on March 10, 1862, the first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as $5, $10 and $20 bills began circulation. The infamous ides of March reminds us that Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Senate chamber in Rome by Brutus and fellow conspirators on March 15, 44 B.C. The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737 and on March 17, we will once again commemorate the patron saint of Ireland. Spring begins on March 20 at 1:49 a.m., EST with the vernal equinox. Finally, it was March 23, 1775 when Patrick Henry ignited the American Revolution with the ringing words, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

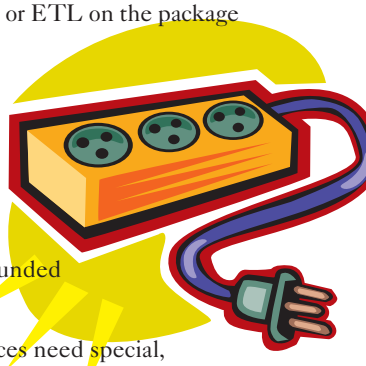


Shocking Statistics

Even when used properly, extension cords, power strips and surge protectors can pose a serious fire and electrocution hazard. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that electrical cords and plugs are involved in thousands of fires and hundreds of deaths every year.

Since 1994, CPSC has announced 25 recalls involving two million extension cords, power strips and surge protectors having undersized wires, loose connections, faulty components, or improper grounding. Following these safety rules for extension cord use could eliminate potential dangers to employees:

- Look for a certification label from an independent testing lab such as UL or ETL on the package and on the product.
- Use extension cords only when necessary and only on a temporary basis.
- Use cords with polarized plugs or grounded three-prong plugs.
- High wattage appliances need special, heavy-duty extension cords.
- Extension cords used outside should be specifically designed for such use.
- Always insert plugs fully so that no parts of the prongs are exposed.
- Never cover cords with rugs or other objects. Trapped heat can result in a fire.
- Do not overload cords with too many appliances.
- If a cord in use feels hot to the touch, stop using it and throw it away.



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