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INSIGHTS

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ChemStation Odor Control

Summer isn't the only season for odor control, but heat and humidity levels make it seem that way. ChemStation's odor control products aren't just for landfills, rendering plants, transfer stations, or lagoons. Some customers have city trucks carrying our product to use at spill sites while others are adding odor control to their water trucks to spray on city roads to keep towns smelling clean.

And, while we're on the subject, with all the festivals, sporting events, and other activities, ChemStation manufactures products for use in portable restrooms. No matter the industry, if you have problems with malodors, the ChemStation system is your solution.



What's in Yours?

A well-stocked first aid cabinet makes OSHA happy and makes business sense. What your first aid cabinet should contain depends on your workplace.

There is no "one-size-fits-all" answer to choosing the right first aid supplies for your unique needs. A variety of factors come into play such as the size of your workplace, the number of employees, and the type of work they do.

By assessing the specific needs of your workplace, you can ensure that reasonably anticipated supplies are available. And, your workplace first aid supplies are only as good as they are effectively maintained. First aid supplies need to be replenished and updated on a regular basis.

THINKING GREEN

What is a Carbon Footprint?

Everyone leaves an "ecological footprint" determined by the amount of the Earth's resources needed to support how you live, eat, and move about.

Sometime it's broken down into a "carbon footprint," the amount of energy consumed – natural gas, gasoline, and fossil-fuel-generated electricity – and a food-and-water footprint.

There are many simple ways to reduce the footprint you leave on the planet. Learn how to reduce your footprint in each consumption category – carbon, food, housing, and goods and services – but don't stop there. Amplify your impact by encouraging others to follow your lead.

To find out how, and for a calculator to find the size of your footprint, go to www.myfootprint.org. By taking the footprint quiz, you can find out how you compare to others and see which areas you might focus on to improve your footprints for carbon, food, housing, and goods and services.

Exit Route Rules

OSHA provides guidelines to assist employers in complying with requirements of subpart E (Exit Routes, Emergency Action Plans, and Fire Prevention Plans). The rules for emergency exits fall under the 29 CFR 1910 and can be reviewed on their Web page at www.osha.gov. If you haven't read it lately, you might want to print a copy and see if your company is compliant with the emergency plan.

Written Exam not Enough

If you have workers who are trained to operate forklifts, then you must make sure they receive more than a written exam for their required triennial evaluation.

The evaluation of performance required by the OSHA Powered Industrial Truck standard cannot be met by a written exam alone. A written exam, by itself, does not indicate whether the operator is operating the powered industrial truck safely.

According to OSHA, these two are required:

1. Observe the powered industrial truck operator during normal operations to determine if the operator is performing safely.
2. Ask pertinent questions to ensure that the operator has the knowledge or experience needed to operate a truck safely.

In some cases, because of the danger or complexity of the operation, the evaluation will need to be lengthier and more detailed.



A Brief History of the Wiffle Ball

Before you pick up your first white plastic ball and yellow plastic bat of the summer, here are some interesting facts about Wiffle Ball's history and science.

In 1953, David N. Mullany watched his 12-year-old son and friends playing a baseball-like game with a perforated plastic golf ball and a broomstick. To help the kids in their attempts to throw curveballs and sliders, he created a ball that would curve and bend on its own. Mullany finally hit on the Wiffle Ball we now know and love.

Like a lot of baseball fans, Mullany's son and his friends referred to strikeouts as "whiffs." Since the new invention made knee-buckling curveballs a breeze to throw, pitchers started racking up the punchouts.

What makes it break and spin? The side of the ball without the holes cut into it has greater surface area than the other half. Thanks to this difference in surface area, a larger amount of atmospheric pressure acts on the hole-free side, which makes the pitch curve toward the holes.

Since the mid-1990s, adult Wiffle Ball leagues have popped up around the country and some of them are pretty serious. They meet in annual competitions like the Wiffle Up! Three-on-Three World Tour, which pays out thousands of dollars to the winning teams.



SOAPBOX

When someone tells you nothing is impossible, ask them to dribble a football.

Good judgment comes from bad experience…and most of that comes from bad judgment.

Presenteeism: The opposite of absenteeism – an obsession with being visible at work regardless of how productive you are.

You know you're grown up when you feed your dog Science Diet instead of cold pizza.

Learning from your mistakes is smart, learning from the mistakes of others is wise.

Law of Road Construction: After large expenditures of federal, state, and county funds; after much confusion generated by detours and road blocks; after greatly annoying the surrounding population with noise, dust, and fumes…the previously existing traffic jam is relocated by one-half mile.

With sufficient thrust, pigs fly just fine.

The only job you start at the top is digging a hole.

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By the Numbers



Gallons of soap delivered:
154,784,096 since 1984



Empty drums not in landfills:
2,814,256 since 1984