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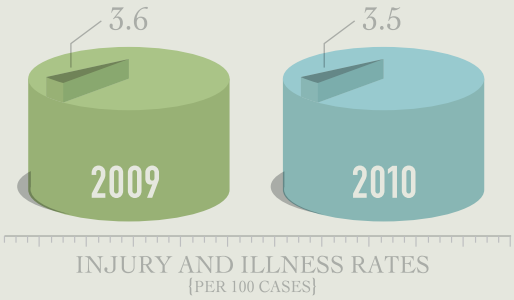
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Injuries Decline but Numbers Still Too High

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released the 2010 nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses among private industry employers on October 20. The results show a rate of 3.5 injury and illness cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers, down from a rate of 3.6 in 2009. Rates were highest in 2010 among mid-sized private industry establishments employing between 50 and 249 workers and lowest among small workplaces employing fewer than 11 workers.

While Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis said she was "encouraged" by the decline, she stressed that the 3.1 million cases remains too high. In the public sector, Solis called the 5.7 injury and illness rate – more than 60 percent higher than the private sector rate – "alarmingly high." She expressed concern about employers' record keeping practices and said OSHA is working to ensure the recorded data are complete and accurate.

OSHA posted an "FAQ" page to provide answers to 20 frequently asked questions about the agency and its requirements. See osha.gov/OSHA_FAQs.html!



New Standards Available

If you're looking for updated information on safety colors, signs, symbols, labels, tags, and barricade tapes, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association recently released its new ANSI Z535 Standards. For more information and to read about the scope and contents of the standards, visit NEMA at www.nema.org/media/pr/20110920a.cfm

THINKING GREEN

Recycling Facts

- An estimated 80,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day using enough aluminum foil to cover over 50 acres of space. That's almost 40 football fields. All that foil is recyclable, but not many people realize it.
- Rainforests are being cut down at the rate of 100 acres per minute!
- A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly, can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of fresh water.
- Motor oil never wears out, it just gets dirty. Oil can be recycled, re-refined, and used again, reducing our reliance on imported oil.
- A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can in as little as 60 days. That's closed-loop recycling at its finest!
- There is no limit to the number of times you can recycle an aluminum can.
- Each of us produces 4.4 pounds of solid waste each day. This adds up to almost a ton of trash per person, per year.
- Each year the U.S. population discards 16 billion diapers, 1,600,000,000 pens, 2 billion razor blades, 220,000,000 car tires, and enough aluminum to rebuild the U.S. commercial air fleet four times over.
- A typical family consumes 182 gallons of soda, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers – make sure they're recycled!

How Much Can We Save?

If everyone in the United States recycled just 1/10 of their newsprint, we would save the estimated equivalent of 25 million trees a year.

In the manufacturing process of recycled paper (vs. new paper):

- 74% less air pollution is generated
- 35% less water pollution is generated
- 58% less water is required
- 64% less energy is required

One ton of high-grade recyclable paper can substitute for approximately three tons of wood in making new paper products.

To learn more recycling facts and why we should recycle, visit www.headwatersrecycle.com/why.html

Does the Shoe Fit?

How easy would it be for you to walk into a shoe store and buy a size 10-3/4 shoe in a D- width? Not likely. You'll settle for a 10-1/2 D and have a short, sloppy fit or buy the size 11C and walk around with a long, tight fit. No matter which way you go…the shoe doesn't fit!

ChemStation products don't come in a one-size-fits-all package. Each of our customers has unique cleaning problems and we find solutions for them. We provide custom-blended formulations to meet your needs and deliver them fresh! The wonders of customization guarantee that we'll be able to keep supplying you with the exact product you need. And if your needs change, we can change too.



Cold or Flu? How to Tell the Difference

Now that cold and flu season is upon us, many people will be faced with determining which type of virus is responsible for the symptoms they experience. This may be particularly perplexing since colds and the flu share symptoms. However, since flu viruses have a greater potential to turn into serious illnesses such as sinusitis or pneumonia, it is important to assess what kind of virus is causing your symptoms.

Cold

A cold rarely comes with a fever of more than 101°F and usually disappears on its own within a week. Colds often begin with a sore throat (which usually goes away after a day or two), and a stuffy nose. Congestion and some body aches are also common cold symptoms.

Flu

On the other hand, flu viruses typically come on more suddenly than colds and arrive with more severe symptoms, possibly including a high fever, a dry cough, more severe body aches, and exhaustion. While flu symptoms can improve over just a few days, it's not uncommon for some symptoms (especially fatigue) to last a week or more.

Even if you think you can tough-it-out, severe or persistent flu symptoms (like a prolonged high fever or severe exhaustion) merit a doctor's visit to determine the best course of treatment.



SOAPBOX

It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them.

Algren's Law: Never play poker with a man called "Doc."

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

One of life's mysteries is how a two-pound box of candy can make a person gain five pounds.

A mistake is simply another way of doing things.
– *Katharine Graham*

Product assembly law: When all else fails, read the instructions.

If you ever see a cat and dog eating out of the same plate, you can bet it is the cat's food.

The higher one is in a hierarchy the more befuddled one becomes when one attempts to operate the photocopy machine.

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By the Numbers



Gallons of soap delivered:
171,985,952 since 1984



Empty drums not in landfills:
3,127,017 since 1984