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INSIGHTS

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KEEPING IT CLEAN!

Earth Day... Every Day



Earth Day was first observed in the spring of 1970. An estimated 20 million people nationwide attended festivities, out of which came the largest grassroots environmental movement in U.S. history, and the impetus for national legislation like the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. By the 20th anniversary of that event, more than 200 million people in 141 countries participated in Earth Day celebrations.

For more than 20 years, ChemStation has been "keeping it clean" by providing custom-formulated, water-based, biodegradable detergents in refillable containers to our customers. By doing this, ChemStation is helping to eliminate a form of environmental waste…those unsightly 55-gallon drums that get discarded in local landfills.

We're celebrating Earth Day every day – and we're glad you're there with us – keeping it clean! ■

It's No Accident

The cause of accidents can almost always be traced to an unsafe act, an unsafe condition, or a combination of the two. So if someone trips over a toolbox, similar accidents won't be eliminated by just keeping toolboxes off the floor. The cause of the accident must be completely eliminated by keeping everything off the floor that doesn't belong there.

If we're going to avoid accidents, we should have a pretty good idea of what causes them. Consider some of the unsafe acts and conditions that frequently lead to accidents. Unsafe conditions are usually caused by careless housekeeping, improper loading or piling, defective or broken equipment, and guards not on machinery. Some of the more common unsafe acts include; reaching into running machinery, using unsafe speeds, and taking chances by not using safety guards and devices. Others include; not wearing protective equipment, using unsafe tools or equipment, unsafe handling of materials, and horseplay.



Unsafe acts are a personal thing. But there are general steps that can be taken to avoid unsafe acts and conditions.

- First, stay alert on the job and don't let routine or familiarity lure you into carelessness.
- Next, know your job. The more you know about your job, the safer you'll be.
- Finally, make a personal contribution. A good way to start this is to follow safety rules.

Shiny Concrete Floors

If the gloss has faded from your concrete floors after years of use or if you've got shiny new concrete floors and want to maintain that nice glossy look, we've got the solution for you. We call it Product 2778. Used as directed, 2778 will shine up those dull concrete floors in a matter of 30-60 days…and will help keep the glossy look on your newer concrete floors. Interested? Ask your ChemStation Account Representative for more information. ■

April at a Glance

April is National Humor Month, Lawn and Garden Month, Injury Prevention Month, and International Twit Award Month (whatever that is). Weekly celebrations include Laugh at Work Week (3-7), Organize Your Files and Egg Salad Week (16-22), and Administrative Professionals Week (23-29). Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:30 a.m., on April 2 and lasts through October 29. In 1860, the Pony Express began delivering the mail on April 3. Twinkies hit the market on April 6, 1930. (The first Twinkies were banana-filled.) The 17th is Income Tax Pay Day which is immediately (and necessarily) followed by National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day and National Stress Awareness Day on the 18th. On April 22 we celebrate Earth Day (see article). April 26 is Hug an Australian Day. On April 27, 1937, the first Social Security checks were distributed. We end the month with National Honesty Day on April 30.

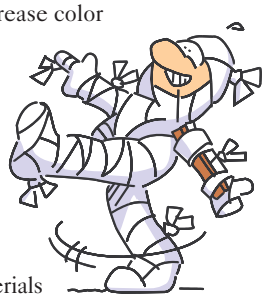


Safety in the Aging Work Force

The work force is aging. People are living longer, baby boomers are sticking around the workplace instead of retiring, and many retirees are signing on as part-time consultants for their previous employers. With the aging work force comes age-related safety issues.

According to Jack Dobson, president of the American Society of Safety Engineers in *Business & Legal Reports*, businesses need to take action now to provide the safest environment possible for aging workers. Here are some of his suggestions:

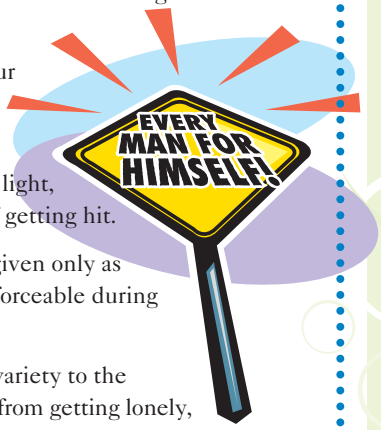
- Improve illumination and increase color contrast in the workplace
- Eliminate all heavy lifting, elevated work (from ladders), and long reaches
- Reduce noise levels in the workplace
- Install skid-proof flooring materials and stair treads
- Provide time for workers to practice skills and become familiar with tasks



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Basic Driving Rules

It's April. We've just lost an hour of sleep because of Daylight Saving Time and most of us will get very wet this month. Time for a little driving humor. Following are some basic driving rules that are appropriate for most any city.



- Turn signals are just clues as to your next move in road battle, so never use them.
- The faster you drive through a red light, the smaller the chance you have of getting hit.
- Speed limits are arbitrary figures, given only as suggestions and apparently not enforceable during rush hour.
- Throwing litter on the roads adds variety to the landscape, keeps the existing litter from getting lonely, and gives Adopt-a-Mile highway crews something to clean up.
- A right lane construction closure is just a game to see how many people can cut in line by passing you on the right as you sit in the left waiting for the same jerks to squeeze their way back in before hitting construction barrels.
- Seeking eye contact with another driver revokes your right of way.
- Never get in the way of a car that needs extensive body work. They might not have much to lose, but you do.



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Soapbox

How do you know you've met a good tax accountant? He has a loophole named after him.

It was so different before everything changed.

Ever wonder about those people who spend $2.00 on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong.

Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity.

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

Clarification, n. – To fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.

My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

The road to enlightenment is long and difficult. Bring snacks and a book to read.

Mouse Potato, n. – The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.

Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today.

People who claim to have no vices are generally full of some pretty annoying virtues.

How many software people does it take to screw in a light bulb? Answer: None. That's a hardware problem.

Aqualibrium, n. – The point where the stream of drinking fountain water is at its perfect height, thus relieving the drinker from (a) having to suck the nozzle, or (b) squirting himself in the eye.