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Promises...Promises

Whether you've been a ChemStation customer for a week, a year, a decade, or more…do you remember all the benefits we mentioned when you switched from your old supplier? We know you're not paying all that freight any longer and we know you don't have a pile of drums hidden in the back lot. But, what about some of those "other" things?

Are you taking advantage of our pre-audit survey assistance? Have you asked your sales representative to properly train your employees in the safe use and handling of chemicals? Do they know what that proportioner is all about and which button to push to get what dilution? Does everyone at your facility know how to read an MSDS?

Our "Work With" Partnership means we're there to help. From problem-solving to application training, our philosophy is to find the best answer for you and to continue looking for improvement opportunities.



How Important is Forklift Safety?

Forklift safety is critical for your employees…and your business. Consider these facts:

- OSHA estimates that approximately 100 workers are killed and more than 30,000 injured in forklift-related accidents each year.
- Violations of the forklift standard (29 CFR 1910.178) resulted in over $1 million in fines in 2008.

THINKING GREEN

Recycling Mystery Solved

Resist the temptation to toss old batteries or cans of unused paint in the trash. They contain toxic chemicals capable of contaminating the environment if not disposed of properly.

Batteries: Check out local markets, libraries, or other places who offer collection bins for recycling single-use batteries; or, check online to find your local household hazardous waste drop-off site.

Recycling rechargeable batteries is fairly easy. Home Depot, Staples, Radio Shack, Best Buy, and other retailers take them back free of charge.

Paint and other Hazardous Materials: If you're wondering how to recycle unused or old cans of paint, electronic gadgets, and other hazardous materials, simply go online to Earth911.com for a comprehensive list of options. You will be amazed!

Interesting note: Every gallon of used motor oil that's improperly disposed of can contaminate one million gallons of drinking water.

Recycle safely!

Slip-proof your Workplace

Slips are often caused by wet surfaces, spills, or weather hazards like ice or snow. The resulting falls are a serious safety concern because injuries often affect multiple body parts and require longer recovery times. Slips involve a loss of balance caused by too little friction between your feet and the surface you walk or work on. Loss of traction is the leading cause of workplace slips.

What can you do to avoid slipping?

- Take your time
- Pay attention
- Adjust stride to the task
- Walk with toes pointed slightly outward
- Make wide turns at corners
- Wear proper footwear

Is Your Company Environmentally Friendly?

Many have jumped on the "green" bandwagon and have instituted policies to teach employees how to be more environmentally conscious in the workplace. Here are some earth-loving tips you may want to consider:

- Recycle waste paper – use for scrap.
- Use recycled paper for printers, publications, and brochures.
- Copy on both sides of the paper.
- Use smaller or no fax cover sheets.
- Energy efficient lighting could save thousands of dollars a year and help the planet by reducing the use of fossil fuels for energy production.
- Start or improve a recycling program.
- Have employees use mugs instead of disposable cups.

Some of these tips may seem inconsequential, but when you add up the number of times each employee uses the printer, sends a fax, turns on a light, or has a cup of coffee, it all adds up.

Gone to the Dogs

February 23 is International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day. A day, *gone to the dogs*, because there is no one else who can really appreciate the true value of a dog biscuit.

The origins of International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day are a bit vague. Not much information is available regarding the creator or the origin of this day, but it's assumed that person is a dog owner. Why this is an "International" day may never be known.

The Internet has jumped on the bandwagon of this doggie day and is laden with Web sites that display and sell cookbooks for dog biscuits. You can order Yappy Hour Martinis, biscuits that look (and taste) like hamburgers and fries, and cookies shaped and colored to resemble real watermelon slices. Pooch owners can order birthday cakes for their favorite 4-legged friend and even buy a party pack which will allow Fido to invite some of his friends over to share in the celebration.

Woof!



SOAPBOX

You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you've made up your mind that you just aren't doing anything productive for the rest of the day.

Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting.

We didn't actually overspend our budget. The allocation simply fell short of our expenditure.

Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and pinning the tail on the donkey…but you can bet the farm that everyone can find and push the Snooze button from three feet away in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.

Part of your best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.
–Mark Twain

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

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