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# INSIGHTS

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## TEAMWORK

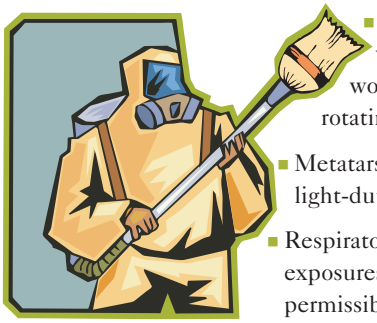


ChemStation's team of chemists and technical staff work closely with our network of sales representatives to develop new cleaning solutions to meet the daily challenges of business and industry. If you have a cleaning challenge, talk to your ChemStation representative. From washing eggs to cleaning ink off printing plates to scrubbing floors… every month our network of Manufacturing Centers across the country is delivering custom-formulated chemicals to exacting customer specifications. ■



## WEARING TOO MUCH PPE

It sounds impossible, but wearing extra Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can create additional hazards and slow productivity. It is difficult at times to get employees to wear the proper PPE, but there are times when it is even more difficult to keep them from wearing too much. Employees want to make sure they are protected; in doing so they may overcompensate with extra or inappropriate PPE. Some examples may include:

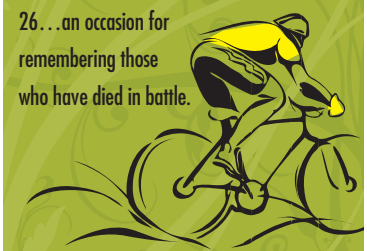


- Wearing gloves while operating or working near hazardous rotating machine parts
- Metatarsal guards during light-duty
- Respirators when employee exposures are below permissible exposure limits
- Impervious chemical protective clothing for jobs involving exposure to nuisance dust or incidental contact with greasy parts

Recognizing when workers are wearing too much or inappropriate PPE is something all employers need to look for. Changes in work activities can change PPE requirements. What was once acceptable may not be now. ■

## MARKING MAY

May is Better Hearing & Speech Month, National Bike Month, and More than Just a Pretty Face Month. Lots of reasons to celebrate! The first week in May has been designated Eat Dessert First Week but it only applies if you're over 18 years old. The week of May 18-24 is a time for you to bone up on your manners and celebrate National Etiquette Week. The 134th Run for the Roses (a.k.a. the Kentucky Derby) will be held on Saturday, May 3 at Churchill Downs in Louisville, KY. May 10 is Root Canal Appreciation Day. On May 17, 1792, two dozen merchants and brokers got together and established the New York Stock Exchange. On the opposite coast, back on May 27, 1937, 200,000 people in San Francisco celebrated the grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge by strolling across it. We end the month with Memorial Day (May 30) which will be observed on Monday, May 26…an occasion for remembering those who have died in battle.



## SIMPLE SOLUTIONS

Doing the simple things can prevent accident or injury. An injury does not have to be life threatening; simply cutting your finger while opening a cardboard box is something worth avoiding.

Make things easier for yourself. Look around you, inspect all areas of your facility for sharp objects or other hazardous items before you dig into boxes or pull something out of the trashcan.

It isn't necessary to do everything with great speed. For example, try removing one object at a time from a shelf instead of a whole stack, or move something out of your walkway rather than kick it. Twisting an ankle or spraining a wrist are annoyances that can be avoided by thinking before acting. ■

## GOT DIRT?

Whether your dirt comes in the form of grease and oil on the floor, cement on a concrete truck, animal fat on stainless steel equipment, ink on anilox rollers, mildew on vinyl and canvas, syrup on a drip pan, barnacles on a boat, or something in between …chances are ChemStation has a solution for you.






Since 1984, ChemStation Manufacturing Centers across the country have been providing businesses like yours with tailor-made products and services with a system that is truly your solution. And, by offering you custom-formulated products through a system that doesn't litter and contaminate the countryside with rusty barrels and product residues, we're doing our part to help keep our environment clean and green.

If you've got dirt… we've got the solution! ■

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# Cleaning Humor that Makes Sense

■ Having layers of dirty film on windows can protect your skin from the harmful and damaging rays of the sun. Think of it as giving you and your family an SPF factor of 17, and feel good that you are doing your part in preventing sun damage to the skin.

■ Those cobwebs that hang so beautifully from the lampshade are actually cutting down the glare from the light bulb.

■ If the amount of pet hair found clogging up against the doorways has started to be noticed, explain away others' worries by telling them that the hair is there to block out the draft and that it therefore will improve the health of the entire family.

■ If you haven't dusted for a while, then grab a fancy urn, place it near the dust and claim that this is where your grandmother wanted her ashes scattered. This is guaranteed to stop the idle criticism of your dusty home.

■ Mix a half-cup of lemon-scented housecleaner with enough water to fill a spray bottle. Mist the air lightly just before family members arrive. Leave a few rags dampened with the mixture here and there so that others will see them. Put on your best, exhausted look and sit down and say, "I've been cleaning all day and this place is still a mess." ■

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# Soapbox

Nothing is impossible. Some things are just less likely than others.

The great thing about television is that if something important happens anywhere in the world, day or night, you can always change the channel.

Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.

The only perfect science is hind-sight.

Nuclear physics is much easier than tax law. It's rational and always works the same way.

Humpty Dumpty was pushed.

You know you're too stressed when you wonder if the brewing is really a necessary step for the consumption of coffee.

You can observe a lot by watching. – *Yogi Berra*

Only in America do people spend half their salary to buy food and the other half to lose weight.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

While money can't buy happiness, it certainly lets you choose your own form of misery. – *Unknown*

If there is light at the end of the tunnel – order more tunnel.

People judge you not by the size of your feet, but by whether your socks match.

If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score?
– *Vince Lombardi*

Skill is successfully walking a tightrope over Niagara Falls. Intelligence is not trying.