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Safety Charts

In addition to secondary labels for spray containers and bucket tags for 5-gallon pails, ChemStation can also provide you with safety charts that list all the ChemStation products you use along with safety information about those products.

These safety charts are customized for you, just like our products. They are laminated with heavy, 10-mil laminate and can be mounted on the wall for all to see.

Ask your ChemStation sales representative about these and other customer service perks.



Are Your Policies Collecting Dust?

A safety policy is a plan that details how to manage safety and health issues. A good policy establishes commitment to manage risks and meet legal duties. It also guides actions by stating principles and rules.

In order to achieve their important goals, safety policies must be living, breathing, integral parts of your organization's operations. If they're just a pile of papers sitting on a shelf that get little attention and less respect, they're not going to do you and your employees much good.

Make sure orientation is not the only time employees are exposed to policies and procedures. Conduct an annual refresher on all policies, even if it's not mandated.

THINKING GREEN

Electronic garbage (old televisions, computers, etc.) is a serious and growing problem. One way to help ease the burden on electronics recycling programs is to give old items a second life. Even broken electronics are still useful – to someone. See if a trade school in your area accepts computers and other electronics in need of repair as learning tools for students.

Waste has a way of disguising itself in the kitchen. Do you make a full pot of coffee in the morning and only drink four cups? Are you constantly throwing leftovers in the garbage? Each instance might seem insignificant, but if you consistently prepare only what you can consume you'll eliminate a lot of food and energy waste over the course of a year.

How can room design benefit the environment? If you're clever, you can virtually eliminate the need to keep lights on during the day. In the living room, place your favorite reading chair near a window so you can take advantage of natural sunlight. The same goes for a home office desk: working in sunlight is cheapest for you and for the environment.

I2P2: The New Safety Buzzword

So, what is I2P2 and why should you be concerned about it? I2P2 = Injury and Illness Prevention Program and the term is being used by OSHA to refer to the Program's rulemaking effort, which got underway earlier this year.

The rule would require employers to implement a program tailored to the actual hazards in their workplaces and require employers to "find and fix" hazards without waiting for an OSHA inspection.

The proposed I2P2 standard would require employers to develop a plan, with worker participation, to identify the hazards present in their worksites and address them before they cause an injury, illness, or death.

Housekeeping... It's a Safety Issue

"Your mother doesn't work here, so please clean up after yourself." Signs with these or similar words are frequently seen in employee lunchrooms and work areas as a way (not always successful) to remind employees not to leave a mess for others to deal with. It's not just about being neat, clean, and considerate of others – it's also a serious safety issue.

If there were any question about that, one need only read OSHA's rule on "housekeeping," which starts out with the blunt statement, "All places of employment, passageways, storerooms, and service rooms shall be kept clean and orderly and in a sanitary condition." There is no room for exceptions in a rule like that.



Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lamp in the barn. The "Moo myth" could never be proven, but the fire definitely began in or near Mrs. O'Leary's farm structure.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American History. The fire, which also occurred on October 8, 1871, roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Since 1922 Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls and is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with."



SOAPBOX

Fredric Baur invented the Pringles can. When he died in 2008, his ashes were buried in one.

The flat, smooth plane between your eyebrows is called the glabella.

Swearing to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" dates back to English Common Law. Interestingly enough, there were no penalties for perjury until the 1600s; prior to that time, it was believed that the fear of God's wrath was enough to keep witnesses honest.

You know you're grown up when you have no idea how late the pizza place delivers.

Vulcan nerve pinch: The awkward hand stretch needed to reach all the keys necessary for certain computer commands.

The shortest distance between two points is usually under repair.

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