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Exit Right or Left...Which is It?

An exit route is a continuous and unobstructed path of exit travel from any point within a workplace to a place of safety.

Selecting the best exit route to take during a fire or other emergency is not a decision to be made the moment you hear the alarm. Knowing where the nearest exit route is can help to avoid life-threatening situations.

Have you thought about how you should escape from the workplace in an emergency? Do you know where all the exits are in case your first choice is too crowded? Are you sure the doors will be unlocked and that the exit access, such as a hallway, will not be blocked during a fire, explosion, or other crisis?

Get those questions answered before it's too late.



Is Retraining Required for PPE?

Yes, when necessary. For example, if there are:

- Changes in the workplace
- New hazards that require additional PPE are introduced
- Changes in the type of PPE used

Employees must also be retrained in the use of PPE whenever they demonstrate that they have not retained the requisite understanding or skill in the use of required protective equipment – for example, if an employee is not using assigned PPE or is using the wrong PPE for the hazard.

THINKING GREEN

Spring Cleaning

If "cluttered desk, cluttered mind" is your motto and purging your workstation of clutter is only a dream, approach it one problem at a time. Use these steps to "declutter."

Close the dump. Do you have a "dump site" where you stash papers or other items because you can't decide where to put them or you're a procrastinator? Your desktop is not a storage area; the only papers there should be the ones on which you are currently working. When items don't have a "home," they pile up everywhere. Label a spot for every item and keep it there.

Don't be a pack rat. Be ruthless in discarding items. "Just in case" isn't enough justification to keep most items. And don't hoard supplies in your workstation. Periodically clear the accumulated flotsam from your desk drawers.

Follow the "daily" rule. If you don't use an item every day, store it out of sight.

Scan your shelves. Pitch expired catalogs, old telephone books, and outdated reference materials.

Ditch the knickknacks. You don't need to strip all mementos from your workstation, but keep only meaningful items. Have some items been on your desk or wall so long that you no longer notice them? If you can't bear to part with them, at least rotate the display so only a few are visible at a time.

Cell Phone Ban FAQs

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) updated its list of Cell Phone Ban Frequently Asked Questions appearing on its Web site. To view the list of FAQs posted by FMCSA, visit: fmcsa.dot.gov/about/other/faq/cellphone-ban-faqs.aspx

See You There!

The World of Asphalt Expo 2012 will be held March 13-15 in Charlotte, NC. We'll be there and if you're planning a visit, please stop by Booth 320 to say hello.

World of Asphalt is the leading exposition and education resource for the asphalt industry and ChemStation is a major player in the formulation of asphalt release, cleaners for pavers and rollers, and overall vehicle cleaning.

The Clock is Ticking...

No employer wants to receive an OSHA citation. But, in the unfortunate event you do, are you prepared to take action? What if you want to contest the citation? What if you want to talk the citation over with OSHA?

No matter what action you end up taking, the fact is you only have 15 working days to do it! If you plan to contest an OSHA citation, you must do so, in writing, within 15 working days of receiving the citation. Otherwise, the citation becomes a final order that is not subject to review by any courts or agency.



How Did We Live Without Them?

Patented in England on March 17, 1845 by Stephen Perry, rubber bands are one of the most convenient products to come out of the 19th Century. They are used by numerous individuals and industries for a wide variety of purposes. The largest consumer of rubber bands in the world is the U.S. Post Office, which orders millions of pounds a year to use in sorting and delivering piles of mail.

You'll find rubber bands keeping your celery bunched together, wrapped around spears of asparagus, and holding plastic coverings over containers of berries at the market. They are even frequently used by orthodontists to help realign teeth. More than 30 million pounds of rubber bands are sold in the United States alone each year.

And, if you look closely online, you'll find sites that teach everything you need to know about shooting them…from selection to an overview of rubber band warfare and delivery methods to defensive action. One such site is: www.timothymorgan.info/static/bands/index.html



SOAPBOX

Home computers are being called upon to perform many new functions, including the consumption of homework formerly eaten by the dog.

Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they are blind.

An intellectual snob is someone who can listen to the *William Tell Overture* and not think of *The Lone Ranger*.

Normal is getting dressed in clothes that you buy for work and driving through traffic in a car that you are still paying for – in order to get to the job you need to pay for the clothes and the car, and the house you leave vacant all day so you can afford to live in it.

The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back into the same box.

Be yourself, everyone else is already taken.
– *Oscar Wilde*

Boy, n. A noise with dirt on it.

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