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TAKE CARE OF THOSE "BABY BLUES"

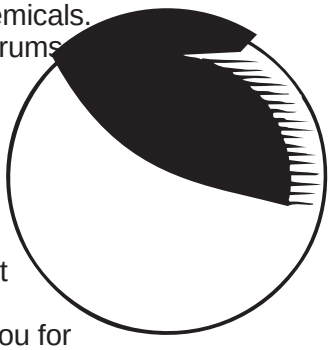
A while back, Bausch & Lomb conducted a poll that resulted not only in some very disturbing figures, but a conclusion that most of us think more of our vehicles than our own eyes.

The poll showed that only 56 percent of those surveyed had a vision screening in the past year. Survey participants were more likely to have their car serviced on a regular basis than to make an appointment for an eye exam. Worse than that, only 9 percent of parents followed through on annual vision tests for their children. Poor vision can be directly linked to low academic performance and self-esteem in children.

Vision exams can also reveal other medical conditions including diabetes and high blood pressure. Since good eyesight is important to every aspect of your life—make that appointment today!

THANKS FOR HELPING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Last year, ChemStation sold more than 7,943,000 gallons of cleaning chemicals. That means 144,000 drums did not end up in the waste stream by being cleaned out or ending up in a landfill. Over the past two decades, ChemStation and its customers have cut out the need for some two million drums. Thank you for helping us help the environment.



DOT PROPOSES TO REWRITE "PLAIN LANGUAGE" REGULATIONS

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has responded to President Clinton's June 1, 1998 memorandum to make communications with the public more understandable.

DOT proposes to rewrite its procedural regulations into "plain language" and also proposes format changes to its rulemaking documents and notices published in the Federal Register and entries in the Code of Federal Regulations. This includes the use of "every day" words, active voice, and shorter sentences and paragraphs.

Additionally, DOT worked with the Office of the Federal Register to come up with proposed format changes to include more space between paragraphs, indentation of subsections, and increased use of tables.

FORKLIFT OPERATOR TRAINING — OSHA'S FINAL RULE

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a final rule that amends existing requirements for the training of operators of forklifts and all other "powered industrial trucks." This final rule is intended to significantly improve the training of operators and reduce the number of injuries and deaths that occur as a result of inadequate operator training. The rule applies to all industries including manufacturers and distributors of cleaning products.

OSHA's new rule requires employers to establish a training program that bases the amount and type of training required on the:

- operator's prior knowledge and skill
- types of powered industrial trucks the operator will operate in a workplace
- hazards present in the workplace, and
- operator's demonstrated ability to operate a powered industrial truck safely.

New requirements also include "refresher" training and an evaluation of each operator's performance at least once every three years.