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The Colors of Safety

Use of color to identify potential safety hazards is one of the most effective safety techniques used in the workplace. Color-coding is effective for overcoming language barriers and for conveying safety messages without forcing employees to read lengthy instructions. Certain colors relay specific dangers, and it is important that employees be familiar with the color-coding system in your workplace. A standard color-code system follows, but keep in mind – it is not used in every environment.



RED: Used for fire equipment, emergency devices such as shut-off valves, stop bars and buttons.

GREEN: Used to identify safety; i.e., first aid equipment locations.

YELLOW: Another cautionary color, more often used than blue.

ORANGE: Identifies hazardous machinery parts.

BLUE: A cautionary color.

PURPLE: Traditionally used to distinguish a radiation hazard.

BLACK & WHITE: Used for text signs for ease of reading from a distance. ■

Source: American National Standards Institute

Warehouse Safety

We at ChemStation think that general warehouse safety is an important issue…for everyone who works here. Like many businesses, we have checklists for just about everything in our warehouse. Lots of questions get answered every week and every month by making use of those checklists. Here are a few questions you might use to get a few checklists going for yourself.

Fire and First Aid: Are emergency evacuation routes and exits clearly marked? Are fire extinguishers strategically placed and easily recognized throughout your facility? Are first aid kits stocked and readily available? Are people trained in first aid and CPR?

Spill Control and Personal Contamination: Do you have a spill control plan and materials for containment and/or neutralization ready in case of an emergency? What control measures do you have in place to prevent spills or leaks from going down the drain prior to reclamation or neutralization? How about a clearly marked and readily accessible chemical exposure station for personal contamination? Are your eyewash stations and safety showers working properly and tested monthly per OSHA regulations?

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Are safety glasses and gloves easily obtained? Are there signs reminding employees and guests that PPE is available and required while handling chemicals?

Housekeeping: Are aisleways clear and free of debris? Are spills cleaned up promptly to prevent slip and fall accidents?

These are only some of the questions you should be asking about your facility regarding its overall safety. ■

This Month in History

On September 2, we celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Labor Day holiday. A few years before that (September 2, 1666) the Great Fire of London began in a bakery in Pudding Lane near the Tower. The island of Manhattan was discovered by navigator Henry Hudson on September 4, 1609. On September 8, 1883, the Northern Pacific Railroad across the U.S. was completed. Everyone will remember 9/11/01 as the day of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history. September 16 is Mayflower Day and marks the day the *Mayflower* ship departed from England. At 1:37 a.m. EDT on September 23, Autumn begins in the Northern Hemisphere and Spring begins in the Southern Hemisphere. September 29, 1789 is the day Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers. September is also Classical Music Month and National Chicken Month. Enjoy!



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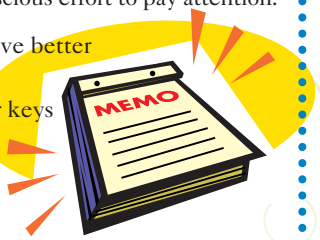
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Boost Your Memory

When you're young, you want to improve your memory so you can memorize facts for tests. When you're older, you just want to remember your neighbor's name. Boost your memory using the following tricks courtesy of Better Homes & Gardens magazine.

Pay Attention Maybe your memory is just fine. Maybe the problem is that you're not concentrating. Make a conscious effort to pay attention.

Get Organized Those who are organized have better memories than those who are cluttered. Example: Remember the location of your keys and glasses by putting them in the same place every time.



Memory Aids Make lists. Write stuff down. Use a calendar.

Make an Association We make memories by forming connections with other memories. Be observant. The more you notice (e.g., a person's hair or eye color) the more you'll remember.

Take Notes You did it in school. Do it in real life. Take notes on books you read. Take notes on movies you see. Take notes on work meetings.

See It Fine-tune your visual memory by picturing something in your mind, such as your umbrella so you don't forget it. ■



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Soapbox

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

Louis Pasteur's theory of germs is ridiculous fiction.
– *Pierre Pachet, Professor of Physiology at Toulouse, 1872*

Microsecond (n), the time it takes for your state-of-the-art computer to become obsolete.

Famous Interview Line: What do you mean this isn't business casual? – *Lady Godiva*

Alarm clock (n), an ingenious device invented to wake people who have no children or do not raise chickens.

Headline blooper: Red tape holds up new bridge.

The hard drive on your computer will only crash when it contains vital information that has not been backed up.

Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else. – *Ogden Nash*

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

If swimming is good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?

The breakfast of champions is not cereal, it's the opposition.
– *Nick Seitz*

All things are possible except skiing through a revolving door.

Failure is not an option…it comes bundled with the software.

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to 99 cents a can. That's almost $7.00 in dog money! – *Joe Weinstein*

Local anesthetic (n), medicine used by cut-rate doctors and dentists who can't afford the imported stuff.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.