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Containing Spilled Liquids

When the contents of a punctured container of hazardous materials are rushing across the loading dock, headed for the nearest drain, it's too late to start thinking about possible response methods. Spill plans need to be in place, and spill containment tools need to be stored and maintained in convenient locations to aid in fast spill response.

Creating a physical barrier between a spilled liquid and sensitive areas such as unprotected storm drains, electrical devices, and offices is one effective way to contain a spill, and there are many methods of providing physical barriers without the investment and inherent problems of installing permanent dikes or berms.

For smaller spills, absorbent socks are one fast method of both containing and absorbing spilled liquids. Socks are available in a variety of lengths with various fillers to meet nearly any spill response need.

Sometimes it's not practical to absorb an entire spill; e.g., if a bulk tank leaks, and several hundred gallons spill, a sock that absorbs two gallons may not be the greatest source of help.

Nonabsorbent polyurethane dikes and drain covers are popular, low maintenance resources for these scenarios. They form a solid seal with smooth surfaces, allowing the user to either divert or contain liquids until they can be properly handled. ■

Handwashing

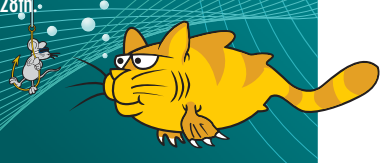
Handwashing plays a key role in personal health. As children, handwashing is perhaps one of the first facets of personal hygiene that we learn and are able to carry out on our own. You may have heard that you should wash your hands for the duration of the time it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song.



Besides actually doing it, the time it takes to wash hands is the most important. If enough time is spent washing hands, there is greater chance that they will be washed effectively. Each handwashing session should take about 25 seconds. ■

Dog Days of August

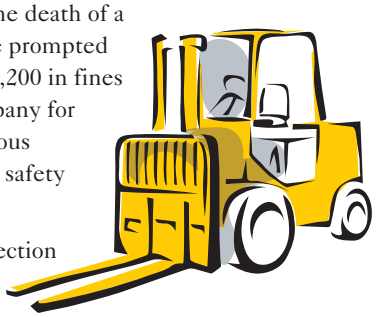
Dog Day August afternoons can be spent celebrating National Cat Fish Month or National Golf Month. It's also Happiness Happens Month and National Inventor's Month. August 5-11 is the occasion of National Smile Week. Weird Contest Week happens August 13-17. National Chocolate Chip Day is observed on the 4th. On August 5, 1924, the Little Orphan Annie comic strip made its debut. August 5 is also Psychic Sunday and Sister's Day. Particularly Preposterous Packaging Day unfolds on August 7. It was August 10, 1833 when the Village of Chicago was incorporated. Many of you will be celebrating International Left Hander's Day on the 13th while others will practice their architectural abilities in observance of Sandcastle Day on August 17. Racing fans should take note that on August 19, 1909, the Indianapolis Speedway held its first auto race. National Dog Day finally gets here on the 26th. Fun continues throughout the Dog Days of August with the observance of Race Your Mouse Around the Icons Day on the 28th.



Instructions...Critical!

In addition to OSHA and industry standards, it is critical to be familiar with manufacturers' instructions for equipment you are using. The following workplace fatality and subsequent OSHA violation emphasize this importance and the tragic consequences that can occur when manufacturers' procedures are not followed.

Forklift incident. The death of a maintenance employee prompted OSHA to propose $165,200 in fines against an Illinois company for alleged willful and serious violations of workplace safety and health standards.



OSHA opened an inspection at the plant after receiving information that the employee had fallen 12 feet while elevated by a forklift to repair a light. ■

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Left-handed Lore

About 13 percent of the population is left-handed. Allowing for loose definitions, some people have the numbers as high as 30 percent. While left-handers undoubtedly run in some families, scientists are unsure that the issue of it being hereditary is completely resolved. Part of the problem has to do with whether a person's hand preference is the result of genetic determination or some other reason; i.e., forced to switch because of convention, accident, or other reason.

Lots of stores cater to left-handers selling everything from left-handed scissors to left-handed playing cards, where the numbers are printed on all four corners of the card. You can get a left-handed mouse for your computer and a left-handed joystick.



Many famous people (past and present) are left-handed including 7 presidents; Garfield, Hoover, Truman, Ford, Reagan, G.H.W. Bush, and Clinton; others include Benjamin Franklin, H. Ross Perot, Nelson Rockefeller, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, and Michelangelo. ■



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Soapbox

One nice thing about telling a clean joke is there's a good chance that no one has heard it before.

When you come to a fork in the road, take it. – *Yogi Berra*

If you really want to do something, you'll find a way; if you don't, you'll find an excuse.

Drive defensively…buy a tank.

The pessimist may be right in the long run, but the optimist has a better time during the trip.

You're never as old as you're going to get.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

Maybe if we did a better job of listening, history wouldn't have to repeat itself.

No matter how hard you try, you can't fall off the floor.

Materialism: buying things we don't need with money we don't have to impress people that don't matter.

He who smiles in a crisis has found someone to blame.

Man will occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of the time he will pick himself up and carry on as if nothing happened.

If you can't beat your computer at chess, try kickboxing.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart than within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

Failure is not falling down, it's not getting up again.

Sometimes the best helping hand you can give is a good, firm push.