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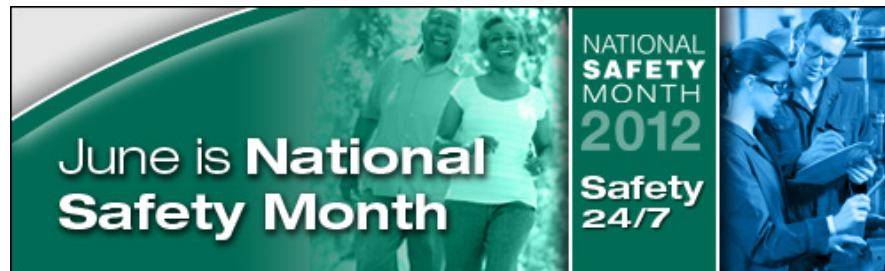
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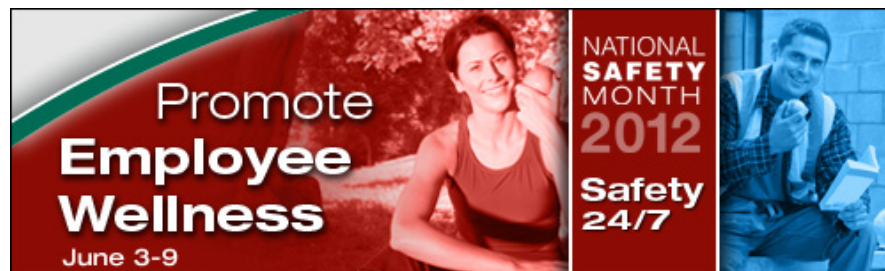
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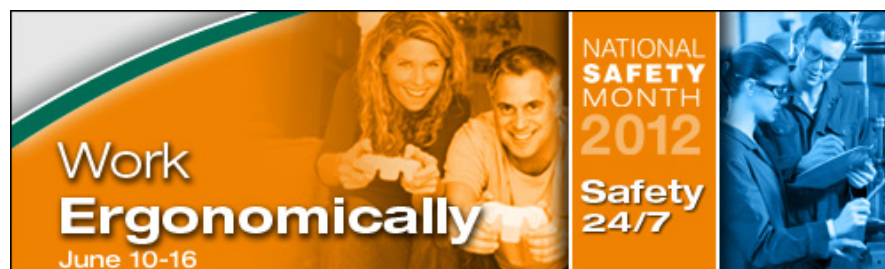


Each June, the National Safety Council & local chapters encourage organizations to get involved and participate in National Safety Month. NSM is an annual observance to educate and influence behaviors around the leading causes of preventable injuries and deaths. Each week carries a theme that brings attention to critical safety issues.

Week 1: [Employee Wellness](#) and [PALA+ Challenge](#)



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Did You Know?



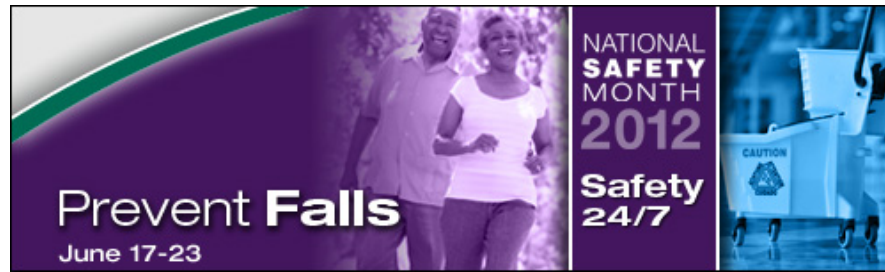
5,288 people age 65

and older were killed in 2009 and 187,000 were injured in traffic crashes.

These older individuals made up 16% of all traffic fatalities and 8% of all people injured in traffic crashes during the year.

www.nhtsa.gov

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2011 Incident Rate Improvement Award

Since 2006, the Iowa-Illinois Safety Council has selected one member organization to receive the Incident Rate Improvement Award. Applicants submit three year's OSHA 300A forms and the Safety Award Committee evaluates the demonstrated improvement.

This year's recipient was Cintas Corporation-Quad Cities. Below, Branch Manager Nikki DeYoung addresses efforts which lead to this accomplishment.





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Cintas has always been dedicated to the safety and well-being of its partners, but it wasn't until a few years ago did the pendulum shift from compliance to a more transformational style approach to safety. We had all the training programs and the outline of what we should be doing, but the missing piece was the partners involvement and their buy-in. We realized we needed to include the very people who we are trying to reach with our message and have them embrace our goals.

We have made little changes that we feel make a big impact; we do our best to make the training we do every month, memorable. We perform safety simulations, include frontline partners to participate in the presentations of the training to their peers. We have created wellness programs such as our Industrial Athlete training and the Stretch and Flex program that go beyond the standards of typical safety training. We have re-vamped our near miss program that has helped us examine and investigate situations before they cause an injury. We have our observation program that allows us to see our partners putting their safety training to work for them. All these add up to a location who doesn't just talk safety, they live it every day.

Our Corporate and local Health and Safety team has done an outstanding job of providing the roadmap to proven success of a safety program. Getting everyone involved, understanding that it takes the entire location to be a success is key. Our location has focused on these aspects of our safety program over the last 3-4 years, and it is starting to show through the results of our outstanding TIR improvement and the engagement our partners show towards safety. It has become infectious and a part of our cultural DNA.

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New Certification Program Launched for Cut-Resistant Gloves

The International Glove Association's president said the new program aims to clear up end users' confusion about different standard ratings.

The [International Glove Association](#) announced a new certification and standards program to help North American manufacturers, distributors, and end users determine the correct performance standards for cut-resistant gloves. IGA said its Certification and Standards 2012 Initiative Program was developed during the past four years as a way to clear up confusion about glove testing methods, guidelines, and interpretations. "In the hand protection marketplace, there's a lot of confusion over the different

standard ratings, as well as how they are misused and miscommunicated to end users," said Marty Shamis of Kimberly-Clark, IGA's president. "Recognizing a need for leadership from the hand protection industry on this issue, the IGA staked out a leadership role on setting performance standards for attributes of hand protection and certifying available products to the established standards."



Part of the confusion stems from differing standards in Europe (EN 388) and the United States ([ASTM F1790-05](#)) for evaluating gloves. The IGA Certification requires cut and abrasion testing under the supervision of the IGA and uses the applicable TDM tester and the ASTM 05 protocol, according to IGA's announcement, which said the program provides a performance rating based on the following result:

- Level 1: less than 1.10 lbs., less than 500 grams
- Level 2: 1.11 to 2.20 lbs., 501 to 1000 grams
- Level 3: 2.21 to 3.41 lbs., 1001 to 1540 grams
- Level 4: 3.42 to 4.72 lbs., 1541 to 2140 grams
- Level 5: 4.73 to 6.72 lbs., 2141 to 3040 grams
- Level 6: 6.73 to 8.72 lbs., 3041 to 3940 grams
- Level 7: more than 8.73 lbs., more than 3941 grams

"We were concerned about end user confusion over how the different standard ratings worked and what those standards really meant," said Shamis. "North America needed a system to clearly provide comparable data on the performance level of hand protection products."

"The IGA has a firm grip on industry trends while striving to improve hand protection with new glove testing and certification programs," said Tom Ragan, an IGA board member and president of Shelby Specialty Gloves.

Resource:

[Occupational Safety and Health](#) 5/23/2012

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Safety Isn't Just For People - Don't Forget About Your Pets!

The email below was sent to us from a member and friend of the safety council.

We usually post articles about work and at-home safety but we don't want anyone to forget about the safety of your pets! If you are using any pest control or indoor/outdoor treatment around your house, please be sure to read the labels to make sure they are safe for your pets.

And if they are not, make sure they are placed where your pets can not reach them.



Last Thursday we lost an outdoors cat that we have had for about 10-11 years. We found her on the driveway so we assumed that John ran over her but he didn't really see any signs of hitting her with a vehicle. I was devastated.

Since then, we have lost 5 more cats, we have found them dead all over the place. We couldn't figure out what was going on, I assumed that somehow someone left some antifreeze out from the shop and the cats got into it. John and I were racking our brains to think of what was different; what had we introduced onto the farm. Then driving home last night, and when we found another cat dying, I realized that all of the deaths of these cats was my fault. I had put down some fly bait crystals to get rid of flies. I didn't read the label and I put it right on the ground. The cats were walking over it, licking their feet and dying.

I am so sad I can't hardly stand it, it all happened because I was so stupid that I didn't read the label warning but right on it says it is harmful to domestic animals and humans. I thought these were crystals that we had used before but they are different. John immediately dug up the areas where I had sprinkled the crystals, we will have to see if our last 3 cats make it.

This was a sad lesson for me to learn so I will warn everyone. Please read all labels of products you are using and keep this in mind when you buy stuff you think you have used before; it may be different and it may be detrimental to animals or humans, especially small children and your beloved pets.

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A Summer Grilling Safety Recipe

Did you know that Americans prepare about 3 BILLION meals on grills each year? From 2005-2009, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 8,200 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues per year, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Five out of six home grill fires involve a gas grill and the leading contributing factor was a leak or break in hoses or other equipment. That's why UL, a global independent safety science company, is sharing simple, yet critical, guidelines to help prevent potential summer tragedies:



PREPARE FOR SAFETY FIRST

- Position your grill a safe distance from your house or any building (if possible).
- Never use a grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, under an awning or overhang that might catch fire.
- Always have a spray bottle and a fire extinguisher handy

GAS GRILLS

- Check the hoses on your gas grill for any cracking and brittleness to address potential leaks
- Drip soapy water over the hoses and around the fittings. Any bubbles forming means there is a propane leak
- Never start a gas grill with the lid closed

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- Never use gasoline or kerosene to light a charcoal fire. Both can cause an explosion.
- Dispose of charcoal away from kids and pets, and cool it down with a hose. Coals get HOT - up to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Have a designated area for dumping hot coals and cool down with a hose.

SAFETY WHILE COOKING

- Never leave the grill unattended, especially when young children or pets are nearby.
- Never attempt to restart a fire by adding additional lighting fluid to an already-lit grill, as this can cause a flare-up.
- Keep kids, pets and bare hands away from the grill.
- Use insulated, flame retardant mitts and long-handled barbeque tongs and utensil when grilling.

Resource: [Safety At Home](#)

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Jobs Available

Company/Location: Worley Warehousing, Inc. - Cedar Rapids, IA

Position: Safety Leader

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OSHA Kicks Off Summer Campaign to Prevent Heat-related Illnesses and Fatalities Among Outdoor Workers: Educational Materials and Mobile Application Available



OSHA has kicked off a national outreach initiative to educate workers and their employers about the hazards of working outdoors in the heat and steps needed to prevent heat-related illnesses. OSHA's 2012 Heat Illness Prevention Campaign builds on last year's successful summer campaign as well as CAL/OSHA's successful initiative in 2010. Nationwide last summer, OSHA participated in 500 national and local conferences, training sessions, and media events, and distributed more than 180,000 heat hazard materials in English and Spanish. For outdoor workers, 'water, rest and shade' are three words that can make the difference between life and death," Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis said. "If employers take reasonable precautions, and look out for their workers, we can beat the heat."

Each year, thousands of outdoor workers experience serious illnesses such as heat exhaustion. For 2010, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 4,190 workers suffered from heat illness and 40 died from heat stroke and related causes on the job. Although outdoor workers in a variety of industries are susceptible to heat illness, those in construction and agriculture are the most vulnerable.



For information and resources on heat illness, visit [OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention](#) page. To order quantities of OSHA's [heat illness educational materials](#) in English or Spanish, call OSHA's Office of Communications at (202) 693-1999 or email Meillinger.Francis2@dol.gov. More details are also available in the [press release](#) ([y en Español](#)).

*Resource: OSHA QuickTakes * May 15, 2012 · Volume 11, Issue 11*

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Preventing Home Accidents

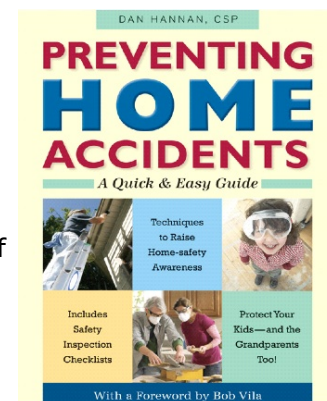
As we enter National Safety Month and with summer just around the corner, now is the perfect time to encourage your employees to take safety home.

Dan Hannan's Preventing Home Accidents encourages the use of safety procedures and concepts at home. Whether it is falling off a ladder while painting their home or hearing loss caused by mowing the lawn without hearing protection, what your employees do, or don't do, at home can impact productivity and your organization's bottom line.

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