



The Porcelain Press

NSWC Indian Head Division
Safety Department Newsletter

6th InSTALLment

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Coincident or Not?

If,
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Equals,
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then,
K N O W L E D G E
11 + 14 + 15 + 23 + 12 + 5 + 4 + 7 + 5 = 96%

H A R D W O R K
8 + 1 + 18 + 4 + 23 + 15 + 18 + 11 = 98%

Both are important, but they fall just short of 100%

A T T I T U D E
1 + 20 + 20 + 9 + 20 + 21 + 4 + 5 = 100%

Safety really is about attitude. Make 100% safe behavior your choice both on and off the job during this holiday season!

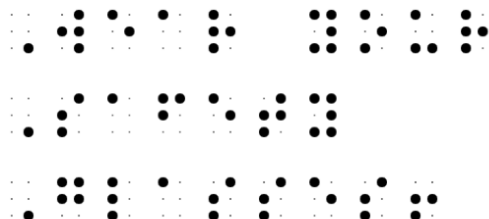
Winter Walking

With the impending onset of winter, many of us are focused on getting our vehicles and driving habits tuned up for the next few months of snow, ice and slush. That's great, but many people forget that they have to walk from their cars to the workplace. Those who aren't prepared can put themselves at risk for nasty falls and injuries. Here are some winter walking tips to help keep you on your feet this winter season:

- Dress for the conditions. Ensure you are warm and visible to traffic
- Wear footwear with slip-resistant soles. It may not be fashionable, but it can help keep you upright
- Try not to carry heavy packages, which can affect your balance on slippery streets and sidewalks
- Just because you have the right-of-way doesn't mean that traffic will be able to stop in slippery conditions. Don't step onto crosswalks until traffic has stopped
- Taking shorter steps and bending your knees slightly will reduce your chances of falling

Subliminal Safety Man Says.....

The first ten NSWC Indian Head employees who correctly decipher the subliminal safety message and E-mail it to me at raymond.geckle@navy.mil will win a safety award.



Ask the Safety Wiz

The Safety Wizard will answer your questions and concerns about the safety program!

Dear Wiz: I have many maintenance related safety issues in my work area such as peeling paint, light bulbs out, vegetation within 50-ft, etc... Since the Command neither has the money nor the desire to fix all of these items, what purpose does it achieve to continue to write these up as safety deficiencies? - *Plant Manager*

Dear Plant: Nothing we do is more important than providing a safe and healthful workplace for our employees. I disagree that Command does not have the desire to fix these types of items. As plant manager you are the leader of the safety program in your work area. Please don't let the lack of funding or responsiveness from NAVFAC dampen your resolve to get these important issues elevated to the right levels and addressed. We need to maintain our vigilance on identifying problems and following up to ensure that these issues get the right attention before they result in accidents or injuries. We need to work with NAVFAC to focus on what is important and make progress in getting your issues addressed. No one said that getting these safety issues fixed was going to be quick or easy, but that doesn't mean that they should be ignored. Keep in mind the people that are subjected to these additional risks are employees that work for you. Their jobs already have inherent risks that we can not take away, but we can eliminate these additional workplace hazards.

What is the most dangerous location at NSWC IH Division? Over the last 3 years, 29% of all lost time injuries have occurred in the parking lots of our facilities. As you walk through these areas take warning, you are entering a danger zone!