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Whenever we talk about a co-worker who has been injured or killed in a mishap, we should all keep one thing in mind. They called upon the sum of all their knowledge and made a judgment. They believed in it so strongly that they knowingly bet their life on it. That their judgment was faulty is a tragedy, not stupidity. Every instructor, supervisor and co-worker who ever worked with or spoke to them had an opportunity to influence their judgment, so a little bit of all of us goes with every employee who is injured or killed.



Help us Celebrate “Safety Spirit Week”.....

As we continue to search for effective methods to raise awareness in the work place, March 5-9th has been declared Safety Spirit Week. During each day of this week we will sponsor a different activity to raise safety awareness in the workplace.

Monday, March 5th: “Be Alert about Safety” ---- Wear as much yellow as you can in the workplace.

Tuesday, March 6th: “Hunt down Deficiencies for a Safer Workplace” ----- Wear camouflage and hunt down safety deficiencies in your workplace. Report all deficiencies to your supervisor.

Wednesday, March 7th: “MSDS day” ---- Identify hazardous chemicals in your workplace, locate the MSDS and review it.

Thursday, March 8th: “My Safety, My Responsibility” ----- When you see a safety inspector dressed in green coveralls in your workplace, say to them “My Safety, My Responsibility” and receive a Safety Cents scratch-off ticket.

Friday, March 9th: “Fire Drill Friday” ---- Conduct a fire drill in your workplace.

Ask the Safety Wiz

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

Dear Wiz: I walk at lunch time and just about got run over by a car yesterday trying to enter back into the restricted area. Can we get a crosswalk at this intersection or do we have to wait for an accident to happen before anything gets done? - *Luke Bothways*

Dear Bothways: As a result of your question we got in touch with NAVFAC and modified an existing road repair contract. The crosswalks you suggested have become a reality. Your efforts have paid off in making a safer workplace. Just goes to show that anyone can make a positive impact to our safety program. Thanks for taking ownership in improving the safety of our working environment.

Dear Wiz: Does the word “MUST” in the Safety Manual mean I HAVE to do it? - *Anne Guish*

Dear Guish: The complicated, long-winded answer to that is... YES!

Dear Wiz: What are my odds of getting injured on the job? - *Breakea Legg*

Dear Legg: Based on the average lost time injury rate from FY00 to FY06, you have a 20% chance of sustaining a lost time injury during a 30 year career at NSWC Indian Head.

Dear Wiz: I just love safety men. Are you married? - *Anita Date*

Dear Date: The Wiz is currently attached to Mrs. Wiz and can't get free.

Never walk down a flight of stairs with your hands in your pockets. The first time you trip, you'll know why.