



The Porcelain Press

Subliminal Safety Man Says - The first 10 people, who E-mail me at raymond.gockle@nswc.ni with the word Porcelain in the subject line, will win a safety award.

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What is Safety?

Is it someone with the title of safety inspector walking around saying "Don't do this. Don't do that. Wear your hard hat. Replace that machine guard."? Is that safety? Does safety address danger and risk, or is it protection from injury or damage?

It is all these things, of course, but it is also a great deal more.

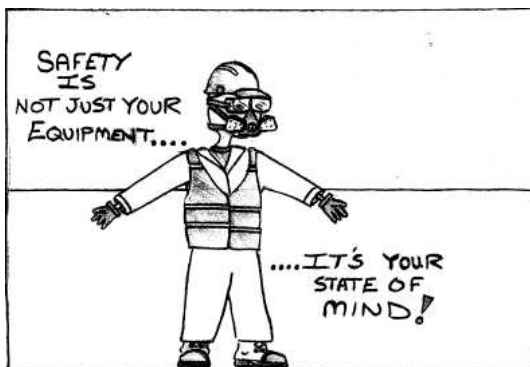
Safety is a way of life--meaning that it is not something one should have to stop and think about, but should be as familiar and about as automatic as breathing.

To ensure the security that comes from making safety a way of life, on and off the job, we have to pay the price--which is cheap, compared to the dividends. What's the price? It's the same as "how to get to Carnegie Hall", namely, practice, practice, practice. This means that until we have made safety a part of everything we do, we need to force ourselves to think how to make it an integral part of our jobs in such a way that neither we nor anyone else will suffer harm as a result.

We continue to think about safety whenever a work decision has to be made. We conscientiously observe the safety rules and consciously practice the safe behavior we've learned. We wear the safety glasses, clean clutter from the aisles, mop up spills promptly, and follow the procedure for the job.

Once we have all paid the necessary price of practicing safety, we will all share the dividend...a safe workplace inhabited by safe-working employees.

Safety Billboard Contest Winner



Congratulations to Marc A. Bergeron of Code T234 for his winning submission. His artwork is currently being sent to a contractor to be made into a full size billboard and will be posted shortly. Thanks to all who participated!

The four most dangerous steps on staircases: the two at the top and the two at the bottom.

Ask the Safety Wiz

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

Dear Wiz: I don't seem to see my leadership out in the workplace very often, what gives?

- *Where's Waldo*

Dear Waldo: Certainly today's leadership is extremely busy at managing the challenging and evolving missions, demanding performance objectives, and ever-shrinking budgets. As leaders, there is nothing they do that is more important than providing a safe and healthful workplace for their employees. How area leadership feels about safety influences how employees will feel and execute safety in their workplace. That's why an active leadership presence in the workplace is a key factor in being involved in the assessment of the safety programs at the working level. If your leadership's presence is missing in your work area, I suggest that you find Waldo and remind them of the importance of this key leadership role.

Word of caution: on average, U.S. hospitals treat 120 toilet seat-related injuries every day.