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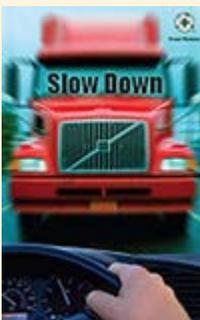
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Welcome to *Spotlight on Safety*, an e-newsletter brought to you by the Department of the Interior Office of Occupational Safety and Health in partnership with the National Safety Council. We hope you will find this service of value. Send feedback or ideas on topics you would like to see to membershipinfo@nsc.org. Please put "Department of the Interior feedback" in the subject line.

Million Acts of Safety Campaign

DOI officially kicks off its participation in the NSC [A Million Acts of Safety](#) campaign on April 16, 2012. Make the people around you safer by becoming a [Safety Ambassador](#) to help DOI achieve its goal of one "**act of safety**" per employee for a total of 80,000 DOI acts of safety by the end of 2012. Get recognized for your efforts and share your safe act stories and see if you're highlighted in our monthly *Spotlight on Safety* E-Newsletter. Sign in at <http://millionactsofsafety.nsc.org/Login.aspx> and use **Team DOI** as your user ID and **safety** as your password to add your safety acts to the database for tracking purposes. Please start each act submittal with your name and office for potential recognition in our DOI E-Newsletter.

Incorporate safety into your employee orientation



An effective safety program requires the involvement and participation of all employees. This process begins the day a new worker is hired.

Safety orientation is a specific type of training that supports goals to improve on-the-job safety performance. Every employee should be offered appropriate safety training based on their work environment, job responsibilities and potential hazards. Ongoing training should also be provided to experienced employees that have been transferred or have assumed new job assignments.

Safety issues are too important to overlook or leave to casual learning. You need to make sure that everyone within your company has the knowledge and skills to achieve your specific safety goals.

Read more [here](#).

The dangers of slips, trips and falls on the job

A slapstick comedian slips on a banana peel and the audience laughs. A schoolchild falls as he walks to the blackboard and another student asks, "Have a good trip?" The jokes are familiar, but slips are no laughing matter. They take a heavy toll in the number of workplace injuries and lost workdays. Falls to the same level are one of the most common causes of injuries on the job, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Investigate slips, trips and falls

The incidence of slips, trips and falls at work may be even higher than numbers show. Workers may not report many of the incidents because they may believe they are minor and make them appear clumsy, which is a mistake. To reduce slips, trips and falls, managers should stress the seriousness of all incidents and have employees inform them of even the most harmless ones. Minor incidents that are reported may be clues to troublesome areas needing repairs and may actually help prevent a major incident from occurring.

[Learn](#) how to take control with training.

The dangers of slips, trips and falls at home

Falls are one of the leading causes of unintentional injuries in the United States, accounting for approximately 8.9 million visits to the emergency department (2011 NSC "Injury Facts").

Most people have a friend or relative who has fallen, or maybe you've fallen yourself. Falls are the second-leading cause of unintentional death in homes and communities, resulting in more than 25,000 fatalities in 2009. The risk of falling, and fall-related problems, rises with age and is a serious issue in homes and communities.

[Learn](#) about fall-prevention tips.