

Newsletter

Spotlight on Safety

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About the National Safety Council

The National Safety Council saves lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads through leadership, research, education and advocacy. Visit us at nsc.org for up-to-date industry news, information and tools to take your safety program to the next level.



NSC Safety Awards

Participation in the NSC Awards Program is the safe decision for your employees and the smart decision for your bottom line.

Safety awards from NSC instill employee pride; earn respect from your customers, community and peers; and place you one step ahead of your competition. [Learn more.](#)



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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.

A Million Acts of Safety

The Department officially kicked off its participation in the National Safety Council's "A Million Acts of Safety" campaign on April 16. We need everyone's help to make the people around us safer by becoming a safety Ambassador. Help the Department 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.

Sign in at [million acts of safety](#) to post your safety act(s). Use "Team DOI" as your user ID and "safety" as your password. Start each submittal with your name, bureau and office for potential recognition in a future issue of the DOI e-newsletter.

Great job raising awareness!

A student at the National Park Service's Albright Training Center provided a safety message on the dangers of living a sedentary lifestyle. Upon completion of the message, five minutes of Zumba dancing helped reinforce the message by getting everyone to get up and dance. The student's innovative idea coupled with dance action provided for a fun, interactive activity that enhanced the participant's level of awareness associated with living a sedentary lifestyle.

Employee training leads to improved safety



Employee training provides knowledge and as the saying goes, "Knowledge is power." An employee with proper safety training has the power and freedom to make an informed decision regarding his or her own safety and health. Without this training, employees must use their best guess as to how they

should perform their jobs.

Safety training involves educating or coaching employees about a certain safety behavior so they become accustomed to repeating that behavior. Employees must have the education and knowledge necessary to make a safe behavior a habit.

Read the full article [here](#).

Engage your employees in safety

Studies show a significant positive correlation between safety performance and employee engagement.

[Engage Your Employees in Safety](#) presentation will help you answer the following questions: What does engagement have to do with safety performance and how can engagement be improved as well as find practical ways to involve employees in safety.



Hearing Protection Safety

Some problems can creep up on you with no symptoms or warning.

Hearing loss from noise is one of them. Its progress is so slow that you hardly notice it, as you simply adjust as sound reception becomes fainter.

People who work around noise without proper hearing protection probably don't realize what's happening to their hearing. In fact, most people are unaware that everyday noises such as a lawnmower or food processor all have an effect on hearing. However, because damage accumulates over many years, it's often too late to prevent or reverse what has been damaged.

Read the full article [here](#).

