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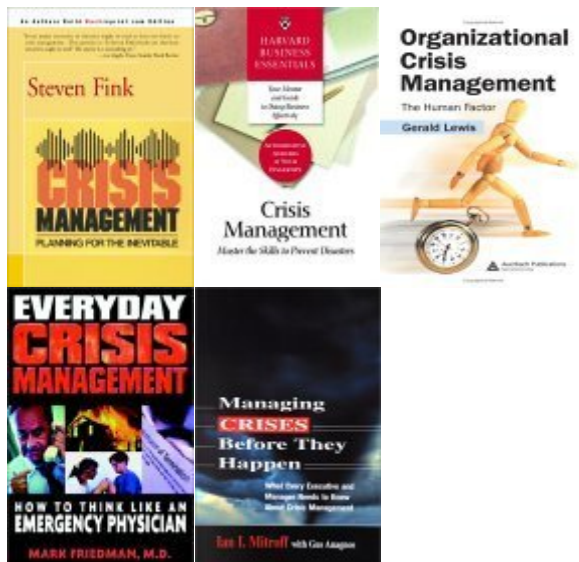
A note from the Editor...

Crisis Management – Are you prepared to manage a crisis?

With the recent earthquakes in Haiti, Chili, Taiwan, and now Turkey, we in the EHS field are typically asked by management “Are we prepared?”. You should have a good answer.

Unfortunately, these events caused major destruction, loss of life, and will take years to recover from, but they are also an opportunity for EHS Professionals to promote, and improve upon our programs while the visibility and awareness is at such a high level. It is also an opportunity for EHS to show value to management as we can contribute to plans to manage crises that are not naturally occurring such as technological crises, financial crises, workplace violence, etc.

Below are some resources to use when preparing or updating a Crisis Management plan.



-Scott Sidlow, Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

To reserve a seat via e-mail, please send your name, telephone number and email address to:

reservations@assesj.org

April 13, 2010: Ammonia Safety and ASSE Society Update

Presentation by Martin Jeppeson, CSP, ARM,
CALAMCO Safety Director & ASSE Region 1 Vice President

May 11, 2010: Safe Handling of Potent Pharmaceutical Actives in an R&D Environment

Presentation by Sean Collins, CIH

June 8, 2010: Chemical Facility Anti-Terror (CFAT) Program Update

Presentation by The Department of Homeland Security

More details to come...



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March Is Eye Safety Month--Time to Look at Your Efforts

<http://safety.blr.com>

Each working day in the United States more than 2,000 employees sustain job-related eye injuries, according to Prevent Blindness America. Of those injuries, 10 percent to 20 percent will be disabling because of temporary or permanent vision loss. March is Workplace Eye Safety Month, a time for American employers and employees to increase their awareness of the issues. The event is sponsored by the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Eye M.D. Association.

The good news is that 90 percent of the injuries can be prevented with appropriate protective eyewear. "Many of the injured workers I've seen didn't think they needed to wear eye protection," says academy spokesperson Dr. Monica L. Monica. She adds that safety eyewear must have "ANSI Z87.1" marked on the frame or lens. And she notes that employees in construction or automotive repair are at particular risk for injuries.

As for the millions of people who stare at a computer screen all day, Monica says using monitors does not damage vision, but can contribute to eye strain. "Fortunately, rearranging your computer workstation, taking more frequent rest breaks, or getting proper glasses or contact lenses can often relieve these symptoms." Forced-air heating systems in office buildings can also increase problems with dry eyes during the winter. Over-the-counter eyedrops called "artificial tears" can help, but if the problem persists, a doctor should be consulted.

For more information about eye health, visit <http://www.medem.com/eyemd>.

Job Interview Faux-Pas to Avoid - Glenn Demby, Esq.

<http://www.safetyxchange.org>

Picture this. You're having a conversation with a potential business colleague when your cell phone rings. With a wistful look, you apologize and pick up the call. A pause and then you ask the gentleman: "This is a personal call that I just have to take. Could I trouble you to step out for just a moment?"

Bad manners but probably not the most egregious social offense ever committed—that is, until you consider that the conversation you were having before the phone rang was a job interview and it was taking place in the office of the gentleman you've just asked to step out.

Asking an interviewer to leave his own office is not the best way to land a job. But this is a true story. And here's a list of some other interview bad ideas that interviewers say they've seen job candidates do. Candidate:

- Wore a business suit with flip flops;
- Told the interviewer he was bad at managing money—while interviewing for an accountant's position;
- Took out a hair brush and brushed her hair;
- Asked the interviewer for a ride home afterward;
- Smelled his armpits on the way to the interview room;
- Told the interviewer that he was fired from his last job for beating up his boss;
- Told the interview she didn't like working with other people while interviewing for a customer relations position;
- Used Dungeons and Dragons as an example of his experience being a team player; and
- Flushed the toilet while doing a phone interview.



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Upcoming ASSE events:



Get a Preview of What You'll Hear at Safety 2010:

ASSE has lined up an impressive selection of keynote/luncheon speakers for Safety 2010.

- **Andrew Winston**, author of Green to Gold. Listen to his latest podcasts at www.andrewwinston.com.
- **David Michaels**, OSHA administrator. Listen to his closing remarks at NIOSH's recent green jobs summit at www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/video/safe_green_jobs.
- **Geoffrey Colvin**, author of The Upside of the Downturn. Find a podcast about his book at <http://www.biztalkradioshow.com/Podcast/tabid/124/ItemId/49/Default.aspx> and listen to his interview with Charlie Rose at www.charlierose.com/view/interview/9856.
- **Joe Malarkey**, motivational speaker and star of an entertaining series of videos that can be viewed at www.joemalarkey.com/youtubevideos.htm.

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SPEAKERS & TOPICS:

- "Nano Technology Safety and Health Concerns"
Speaker: Rick Kelly
Facility and EH&S Manager - Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- "Design For Safety (DFS) & Prevention through Design (PtD)"
Speaker: Jay Jamali, CSP, CHMM, CHCM
EHS Director - Enviro Safetech
- "Cal/OSHA Standards: Upcoming, Proposed and Being Considered"
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