

Prepare for OSHA's National Emphasis Program on Outdoor and Indoor Heat Hazards with Hot Online Deals on Cool Sqwincher® Solutions from Saf-T-Gard



Did you know that OSHA recently launched a National Emphasis Program (NEP) focused on heat hazards to drive the development of the first-ever Federal Heat Standard?

Under the NEP, OSHA will be conducting proactive inspections for heat-related hazards targeting more than 70 high-risk industries. When all elements of a violation are established, Area Directors are responsible for issuing citations for hazards under the General Duty Clause. Hazard Alert Letters (HALs) may also be sent. Saf-T-Gard help you and your workers safe from heat stress and OSHA citations in the event of NEP inspections by providing

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Don't Miss Opportunities to Solve Your Customers' Safety Challenges with a STUD-E[™] Survey - 360 Degrees of Workplace Safety



In nearly every industry, workplace safety must be addressed regularly. When critical safety threats are missed or overlooked, the consequences can be severe.

Fortunately, Justrite has a solution – <u>STUD-E[™] Survey –</u> <u>360-Degrees of Workplace Safety.</u>

The Justrite STUD- E^{TM} workplace safety survey assists in creating and maintaining a safe workplace. Preventing accidents in the workplace is much more than PPE – it starts with recognizing potential risks.

New Virtual STUD-E[™]

The STUD- E^{TM} Workplace Safety Survey is now being offered virtually! Justrite's safety experts leverage digital tools to virtually join site walkarounds, conduct inspections, and discuss issues with employees.

How Does STUD-E[™] **Work?**

Justrite will conduct a complete walk through of your facility and will use their comprehensive knowledge of

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May 24, 2023, from 5:00
p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and
Thursday, May 25, 2023,
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Chicagoland Safety, Health & Environmental Conference - Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Northern Illinois University (Naperville Campus), Naperville, IL, Booth #TBD

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Five Safety Tips



1. SPRING CLEANING - Clean out that first aid kit

Clean out that first aid kit and restock with fresh supplies

2. SPRING CLEANING -

Many cleaning solvents and agents contain hazardous chemicals, so use respiratory protection as indicated on the MSDS

3. SPRING CLEANING -

Times change; jobs change; applications change and hazards change, so clean out those old Job Hazard Analysis reports and prepare new ones that reflect today's reality

4. SPRING CLEANING -

Be sure to use industrial eye protection and hearing protection when cleaning up outdoors with powerassisted equipment

5. SPRING CLEANING -

Use lens cleaning tissues and sprays to clean protective eyewear or buy

standards and regulations to provide a threat assessment and site vulnerability assessment. This 360-degree survey will help you understand present and potential safety issues. Justrite will also guide you in correcting the problems through a printed or emailed document available for you to use and implement as an action plan for preventing future accidents. From policies, to processes, to products, Justrite knows workplace safety can be cumbersome. That's why the STUD-E survey serves as an easy way to reiterate any important safety issues for management to address for preventing accidents in the workplace.



Using Justrite's proprietary, custom-built app designed by safety engineering experts, STUD- E^{TM} prioritizes critical workplace safety issues while helping to balance the bottom line. This includes:

- · Preventing compliance violations from OSHA and EPA
- Avoiding costly fines
- Preventing workers' comp claims
- Lowering insurance premiums
- Enhancing process improvements

What's the value in a STUD-E[™] Safety Survey?

- Identifies gaps or deficits in safety measures helps you recognize what is often in plain sight
- Provides knowledge behind best practices not simply product-specific
- Recommends preventative measures, products and programs to get in compliance – and stay there
- Offers guidance for implementing sustainable solutions for now and in the future

Click **here** to learn more and submit your inquiry for a $STUD-E^{TM}$ Safety Survey today!

To keep workers productive, they need to be safe, comfortable, and have the space to do their job. Here is a list of safety products for point of use even when working in a facility with many hazards.

1. Safety Cans

Keep only the smallest amounts possible (not more than one day's supply) of chemicals in the work area. Flammable liquids purchased in large containers should be re-packed into smaller safety cans. Use portable and approved safety cans for storing flammable liquids to prevent explosions in the event of a fire.

2. Safety Cabinets for Small Spaces

Discourage workers from storing excess chemicals on countertops. Employees need adequate space to perform their duties. When floor space is tight for chemical storage, use the mini, countertop, and compact cabinets. A workstation with over 25 gallons of flammable or combustible liquids needs a safety cabinet.

3. 5S Tool Shadow Boards

A messy workstation can lead to unnecessary accidents. 5S boards are a visual tool for putting everything where it belongs and keeping the workplace organized, efficient, and safe. It makes it easier for people to do their jobs without wasting time or risking injury.

4. Industrial Waste Carts

Decrease the likelihood of accidents and spills by cleaning work surfaces throughout the day. Make it easy for employees to dispose of waste with portable waste carts located right next to where the work is happening.

new protective eyewear as needed





Question - Employees at times perform various tasks on construction equipment being used at a construction site, such as checking fluid levels. At times this work is done while the employee is on the vehicle at heights over more than 6 feet. Do any OSHA construction standards require fall protection for employees who are on construction equipment, such as excavators, dump trucks, and bulldozers at heights in excess of 6 feet?

Answer - The OSHA standards for fall protection in 29 CFR 1926 Subpart M do not apply in this situation because Subpart M explicitly excludes vehicles. 29 CFR 1926.501(b)(1) states: Each employee on a walking/working surface (horizontal and vertical surface) with an unprotected side or edge which is 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above a lower level shall be protected from falling by the use of guardrail systems, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems. The phrase "walking/working surface" is defined at 29 CFR 1926.500(b)(2) as: Any surface, whether horizontal or vertical on which an employee walks or works, including, but not limited to, floors, roofs, ramps, bridges, runways, formwork and concrete reinforcing steel but **not** including ladders, **vehicles**, or trailers, on which employees must be located in order to perform their job duties. [Emphasis added]. Therefore, Subpart M does not require fall protection for an employee who is on a vehicle in order to perform his or her job duties because 1926.500(b)(2) expressly excludes vehicles from the definition of "walking/working surface."

Saf-T-Gard Spotlight

5. Workstation Mats

Keep employees focused on the task, not their physical well-being. Reduce fatigue caused by standing on a hard surface for long periods with anti-fatigue workstation mats.

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Saf-T-Gard has all the <u>Justrite safety products</u> for the workstation and across the facility. Click <u>here</u> to shop them online, or call customer service at **1-800-548-GARD (4273)** today for more information or to place an order.

Hand Protection for the Automotive Industry



Today, there are nearly 873,000 workers in the automotive manufacturing industry in the United States alone. Compared with other industries, automotive manufacturing has more than double the rate of non-fatal injuries (6.3 injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers in 2018 compared to 2.8 for all other private industries). Given these numbers, safety should always be the top priority.

A working environment with both robots and people

As the automotive industry evolves, repetitive tasks that require precision are being performed by advanced technologies. These technologies are being integrated at every stage of vehicle manufacturing; some tasks once performed by people are now being performed through robotics. There are many benefits to integrating robotics, such as increased productivity in performing complex tasks and reduced waste resulting from increased precision. However, arguably the best benefit of integrating robotics is that it has helped "engineer out" hazards, which helps keep the workplace safer.

While robotics is being integrated more and more frequently in the automotive industry, there are still many tasks that require people, such as painting, stamping, machining and assembling. These functions performed by automotive workers, typically at the same plant, still come with hazards. Hand injuries—like cuts, lacerations and punctures—are the third-most common type of injury in manufacturing, with more than 23,000 non-fatal injuries occurring in 2020.

The top hand hazards in automotive manufacturing and how to select appropriate protection

In the automotive manufacturing industry, the top five cut risks can be found in:

- Stamping Presses
- Cutting Raw Materials
- Assembling
- Fitting Windshields
- Logistic Operations

Each task may have a different hazard and require different types of protection. So how does Site Safety ensure the correct PPE is being used when there are all these different hazards? A good first step is a Hand Hazard Assessment, where a site's various tasks and risks can be individually evaluated. For example, when selecting gloves, the job hazard must always be identified. Stamping presses may require a cut level A3, and the glove may need to be silicon-free because workers handle unpainted products. In assembly, workers may require an A3 cut with impact protection because of cut and crush hazards, yet they may not require silicon-free gloves since the painting process is complete. It is important to evaluate processes on an



Steve Jones is a member of the Saf-T-Gard sales team and joined Saf-T-Gard more than 10 years ago.

What Steve likes about Saf-T-Gard:

"Very knowledgeable coworkers. If I have a question or a situation that needs to be addressed, I have many resources."

What makes Steve's day:

"Helping our customers. Turning prospects into customers. I love getting orders!"

Steve's outside interests are:

"Spending time with my wife. Sports and music."



What are the requirements to give workers a choice of hearing protection devices?

OSHA regulations, 29 CFR 1910.95(i)(3), states: "Employees shall be given the opportunity to select their hearing protectors from a variety of suitable hearing protectors provided by the employer." In this instance, OSHA did not intend to specify the number of types or variety of hearing protectors from which employees may make their selection. Instead OSHA included this performance language recognizing that there be several reasons why employees should be allowed to select from a variety of hearing protectors.

Plant conditions such as dust, temperature, and humidity can cause one type of protector to be more suitable than another. For example, earplugs can be more comfortable in a hot, humid environment, than earmuffs. Also, individual

individual basis as hazards vary so the protective measures may vary as well.

How to keep people in gloves?

Innovation in the automotive industry doesn't just include robotics; manufacturers of PPE are innovating too. Workers like to wear gloves that are comfortable and ergonomic and uncomfortable or ill-fitting gloves means employees are at risk of taking them off or not wearing them entirely.

Innovations in materials, like the Honeywell Moisture
Dispersion Technology in our Chemical Glove, Flextril™, help keep hands dry through sweat management techniques, or Super Grip Technology, which helps reduce the effort needed to hold and handle tools and minimizes hand fatigue. It is important to note that PPE selection should always be an on-going process as new innovations continue to emerge; this helps employers keep their workers both comfortable on the job and safe from the different hazards they encounter.

Saf-T-Gard offers a full line of Honeywell safety Products for automotive safety workers, including hand protection, electrical safety, eye protection, hearing protection, respiratory protection, head protection, protective clothing, foot protection, fall protection, facility safety and first aid. Click here to shop them online or call customer service at 1-800-548-GARD (4273) today for more information or to place an order.

Saf-T-Gard Celebrates National Lineman Appreciation Day with 20% Savings



April 18th was National Lineman Appreciation Day, and Saf-T-Gard would like to extend our utmost thanks and gratitude to the men and women who put their lives on the line to keep the lights on and the public safe.

In recognition and appreciation for their tireless work in dangerous conditions, Saf-T-Gard would also like to offer **20% off on all products ordered on Saftgard.com**, including:

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- Grounding equipment
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ear canals come in all shapes and sizes. For people with unusually shaped ear canals, fitting may be difficult, and commonly-used insert protectors may be very uncomfortable.

In general, employers are advised to give workers a choice between at least one type of earplug and one type of muff since individuals may be more comfortable in one type of protection than in the other. However, the number of different hearing protectors required to constitute an adequate variety is simply the number needed to supply each employee that requires a hearing protector a suitable one. The term "suitable hearing protectors" as used in the provision means protectors that are comfortable to wear and that offer sufficient attenuation to prevent hearing loss.

As I See It



It is April 2023 and this month we're getting ready for spring, which means warmer weather is on the way. So that means PPPE = prepare personal protective equipment. Time to prepare for both indoor work in a warmer environment as well as more outdoor work.

Let's start with a really HOT topic – heat stress and heat-related illness and death. Whether it's indoor work in a hot work environment or outdoor work in the heat, occupational heat stress is a reality and has caught the attention of OSHA (check out our blog explaining OSHA's National Emphasis Program to drive implementation of OSHA's Federal Heat Standard). Staying hydrated is more than just having a water bottle handy. Electrolyte replenishment beverages (think Sqwincher®) help prevent heat-related illnesses.

Outdoor work can also require different protective eyewear. While clear lens eyewear is a traditional

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When it comes to keeping your workers safe and preventing cut injuries in Industrial Manufacturing, identifying the right cut-resistant gloves and sleeves for the right job applications involves more than just the cut level. This webinar takes you behind the curtain to learn about the anatomy of a cut-resistant glove, from the vast array of textiles, knitting techniques, coating materials and how the tasks performed, hazardous conditions present and duration of use determine the type of cut protection needed.

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Selecting the right cut protection for your workers' safety can be challenging. The operations they undertake and safety requirements they have are unique in their own

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choice for indoor work, protection from the sun requires safety glasses with polarized or indoor/outdoor mirror lenses. New technologies for fog-free lens coatings address the issue of high humidity. And, of course, these lens options are available for prescription eyewear as well.

And, on the issue of visibility, outdoor workers need high-visibility apparel including vests and rainwear. Look for ANSI class 2 (sleeveless) or class 3 (with sleeves) vests and jackets depending on the application. FR and arcrated styles are available as well.

To top it all off, consider safety caps in hi-viz orange or lime yellow/green colors to maximize visibility outdoors. Other cool accessories include cooling bandanas, neck wraps, and evaporative neck shades.

Outdoor work also means exposed skin, so don't forget SPF 30+ sunscreen packs providing broad spectrum UVA and UVB protection. Insect repellant towelettes are available as well

That pretty much covers the basics. Want to know more? Call us, because real safety people are a big part of what makes us unique. We are Saf-T-Gard International - Bringing Workers Home Safely Since 1936.

Sincerely, Richard A. Rivkin, Saf-T-Gard CEO and Chairman of the Board