Working from Home | Keeping Safety a Priority

As many safety professionals find themselves working from home during this pandemic, it may become difficult to stay actively engaged in the safety of your company. Here are some ideas for continuing to advance safety initiatives while away from the office:

- Review and update policies
- Update or create training materials
- Email weekly toolbox topics to employees
- Keep contractors/vendors updated on the status of your business and any open projects

Home Safety | Utilizing Your Expertise at Home

As safety professionals, we work tirelessly to keep our workplaces safe. But do we remember to apply the same standards in our home? Now that many of us are working from home, it is the perfect time to make sure your families are as safe as your coworkers. Here are some activities you can do as a family while you are all home together:

- Test smoke alarms and replace batteries
- Create an emergency action plan for fires, home invasions, power outages, etc.
- Make sure emergency contacts are listed
- Build a first aid kit
- Teach your kids or other family members how to use a fire extinguisher, spot electrical hazards, and perform basic first aid. Remember, you family can benefit from toolbox talks too!

Send Us Your Photos! | Safety During Lockdown

We would love to see photos of you and your family practicing safety at home, or what it looks like to be working from home during quarantine… send your photo to communications@centralvalley.assp.org and it will be featured in the May Newsletter.

Pictured to the left is Chase, the son of Communications Chair, Melissa Robertson. Chase always wears his PPE while playing outside, and likes to pretend to put out fires!

Member Milestones

10 Year Members
Trey Burrows

Upcoming Events

In person meetings have been postponed until May 15th. During this time, please refer to other ASSP resources such as recorded webinars, Q&A sessions, and blogs on our website. Visit centralvalley.assp.org or assp.org

“Every success story is a tale of constant adaptation, revision, and change”
-Richard Branson
OSHA Interim Enforcement | Guidance for Respiratory Protection

During N95 Shortage

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued interim enforcement guidance to help combat supply shortages of disposable N95 filtering face piece respirators (N95 FFRs). The action marks the department’s latest step to ensure the availability of respirators and follows President Donald J. Trump’s Memorandum on Making General Use Respirators Available.

Due to the impact on workplace conditions caused by limited supplies of N95 FFRs, employers should reassess their engineering controls, work practices and administrative controls to identify any changes they can make to decrease the need for N95 respirators.

If respiratory protection must be used, employers may consider use of alternative classes of respirators that provide equal or greater protection compared to an N95 FFR, such as National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-approved, non-disposable, elastomeric respirators or powered, air-purifying respirators.

When these alternatives are not available, or where their use creates additional safety or health hazards, employers may consider the extended use or reuse of N95 FFRs, or use of N95 FFRs that were approved but have since passed the manufacturer’s recommended shelf life, under specified conditions.

This interim guidance will take effect immediately and remain in effect until further notice. This guidance is intended to be time-limited to the current public health crisis. Visit OSHA’s Coronavirus webpage regularly for updates.

Member Achievements

If you achieved a safety certification or job promotion, we want to know about it! Please send information to communications@centralvalley.assp.org

Have a happy and safe Easter!