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National SAFER Workplace Day

Stay Alert, Stay Safe

National Safer Workplace Day occurs on the last Friday of June commemorating the SAFER workplace initiative which promotes workplace safety with a heightened focus on machine safety to reduce the potential of near misses, accidents, and injuries.

tec.nicum, the product-neutral engineering services division of the Schmersal Group, founded **National SAFER Workplace Day** to create awareness about safer workplaces and promote safer workplace activities. Machine safeguarding consistently remains among the top 10 OSHA violations yearly, and our goal is to provide the proper tools to both machine manufacturers and end-users to help create a safer workplace. Let's support this event by learning about the importance of a safe workplace. Take out time to assess your workspace and pinpoint any task, process or equipment that could jeopardize your workplace and your safety.

The SAFER acronym is based on the 5 fundamental steps used to conduct a risk assessment and stands for **STOP**, **ASSESS**, **FORMULATE**, **EXECUTE**, and **REVIEW**. These steps are fundamental to properly addressing any concerns such as unsafe operations of machinery so that a safe and efficient solution can be created and implemented.

Learn more about **National SAFER Workplace Day** by visiting our official **National Today** page:

www.nationaltoday.com/national-safer-workplace-day/



How to Celebrate National Safer Workplace Day

- Acknowledge a coworker or employee for following safe practices!**
Acknowledging a coworker or employee for doing their job in a safe manner not only boosts morale and fosters a positive work environment, but also reinforces the importance of safe practices and encourages continued vigilance in maintaining a safe workplace for all.
- Make a safety tips list.**
List 3 ways in which you can perform your job safer. Share with your safety officers to see if they can be implemented and participate in the change!
- Share your story!**
Share a safety initiative implemented by your company, on LinkedIn or X (Twitter).
Use the hashtag **#SaferWorkplace** and tag **@SchmersalUSA** or email infoUSA@schmersal.com with the subject National Safer Workplace Day.

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Stop. Assess. Formulate. Execute. Review.

Behaving safer to achieve a safer workplace is the goal behind the SAFER acronym. Each letter represents a key step when attempting to implement a safety mindset to minimize work related injuries. Following each step allows a systematic approach to effectively identify and correct hazardous machines, tasks, process and conditions.

S

STOP

A stop in production often has a negative connotation. However, in this context, it is meant to prevent future production stops due to accidents and injuries. It is important to stop and discuss safety concerns to create and foster a work environment where employees feel confident enough to speak up against unsafe conditions. This also helps to avoid potential near misses and accidents.

A

ASSESS

Identifying an unsafe condition is the first step. The next step is to assess the safety concerns to decide which steps (if any) need to be taken to minimize exposure to the hazard. One method to estimate the severity of the concern is by calculating a Hazard Rating Number (HRN) which will allow you to quantify a problem and take a closer look at a machine or process to ensure proper regulations and requirements are being followed.

F

FORMULATE

Once an assessment is completed and a concern has been reviewed by a qualified team, the next step is to formulate a plan. If actions need to be taken, this is the time to develop safe and feasible possible solutions. Team effort may be required to create a solution that is not only safe, but allows for effective and efficient human-machine interactions.

E

EXECUTE

After a plan is created, it is time to execute it to see how effective it is. This may require planning across multiple departments and divisions as a realistic schedule must be made to accommodate machine downtime and available resources to actually implement the proposed safety plan. It's important to establish design reviews and milestones to help track and measure the success of process.

R

REVIEW

Sometimes the first solution is not always the best, so a redesign may be needed. Once the solution is successfully implemented, the concern must be reviewed again. This additional evaluation is used to confirm that the initial concern has been addressed effectively and that the new solution is not creating further hazards.

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