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April 12th - Meeting

Spotlight

ON BELT DRIVE OPTIMIZATION

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Come Join Us: April 12, 2018



1294 Freedom Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

3:00 pm − Board Meeting ◆ 5:30 − 6:00 pm − Social Hour (cash bar)

Guest Speaker: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

7:00 pm – Dinner Buffet and Social Hour resumes (cash bar)

Dinner: Prime Rib buffet - \$45.00

RSVP - 724-687-7860, fax or email

NO cancellations after April 10th noon

Registration Flyer on page 3

WE HAVE MOVED SEE PAGE 8.
PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION!

The Unhappy Reality of Slip and Fall Accidents ... by Federated Insurance

Although it varies by industry, claims made by businesses for slip and fall accidents account for more than 20 percent of general liability claims each year and have an average payout of more than \$20,000. Every business has the potential to experience these incidents, but the retail and commercial industries are often prime targets for slips and falls, most likely due in part to their frequent interaction with the public. Likewise, certain times of the year also seem more prone to slip and fall incidents, such as colder months and the autumn and winter holidays. The causes definitely vary, but three particular circumstances commonly increase a business's risk.

One area of increased risk is simply more traffic. Regardless of the reason, more traffic naturally points to a greater chance for mishaps. Add other distractions such as point of sale displays, store demonstrations, or any other typical "shopping" distraction, and the risk increases. To reduce this risk, you would need to reduce foot traffic, and what business owner wants to do that? A more acceptable alternative is to emphasize the importance of regular facility inspections, on-going housekeeping, and sound maintenance practices.

Next is seasonal weather. Depending on your store's location, rain and winter's sleet, ice, and snow can significantly impact slip and fall frequency. Couple this with customers who may not be wearing appropriate footwear for the conditions, and your risk increases.

Businesses should implement policies to keep walkways, driveways, and customer parking areas clear of ice and snow accumulation.

- Pay special attention to drainage runoff or discharge from buildings, canopies, and landscaping.
- Many incidents occur after a day of snow/ice melt and the refreeze in the evening or morning hours, which are also often the busiest times of day.
- And don't forget indoor slips and falls. Customers inevitably track in whatever type
 of precipitation is outdoors, creating wet and slippery floors, especially around
 entrances.

Keeping employees aware of and on the lookout for these increased weather-related risks is critical to slip and fall prevention—inside and out.

And last, but certainly not least, is fraud. The winter holidays in particular are prime time for fraudsters. The reasons are as varied as the people involved, but often they stem from an increased need for money, or even simply taking advantage when larger crowds or weather conditions present an opportunity. Fraud can be hard to detect and prove, but being aware of fraud indicators, keeping video surveillance footage, and documenting your housekeeping details (e.g., When was ice melt laid? When was the floor mopped?) can be valuable for helping to combat fraud.

Slip and fall incidents and their root causes can be obvious (an icy sidewalk), or not so obvious (a "staged" fall for fraudulent purposes). In other words, business owners need to be ready for all conditions. Look at your business through the eyes of a customer, paying special attention to the three common causes discussed here. They show what your business could be exposed to, and the preventable situations you can remedy to help you avoid an insurance claim. For more information on slip and fall prevention, contact your local Federated marketing representative.

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PLEASE PASS THIS NOTICE TO SOMEONE ELSE THAT WILL BENEFIT!

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JOHN R. UBINGER ...

John he was a long-time member of NWA, NESCA and ACCA local board and ACCA National Board Member. (NWA, NESCA were names before the National Association changed the name to ACCA)

Age 87, died peacefully at his home in Bethel Park on March 6. 2018, after a courageous battle with cancer. Despite this difficult journey, he maintained extraordinary grace and dignity and an unwavering faithfulness in God. John was born in Pittsburgh to Robert and Eleanor Ubinger on June 14, 1930, which is Flag Day. The Bethel Park community came to expect to see the hundreds of flags that decorated his yard for that day and every patriotic holiday. After graduating from St. Joseph's High School in Mt. Oliver, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served three years at Castle Air Force Base, CA during the Korean War. During the mandatory third year, his fiancée, Shirley Hesse, flew out so they could be married on the base in 1951. Upon returning to Pittsburgh with their first child, John started working in the HVAC business. John became the owner of Admiral Heating and Cooling Co. in 1959. He served on many trade association boards.

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May 10th

Get your TEAMs Together for some Bowling Fun! Mt. Lebanon Lanes 1601 Washington Road, Mt Lebanon More to come!

Upcoming Meetings!

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- Put waste in proper containers.
- Keep combustible materials like cardboard, paper, and wood away from heat and heat-producing equipment.
- · Keep work areas free of dust and lint.

Flammable liquids

- Follow storage precautions on labels and SDSs
- Clean up spills immediately.
- · Report leaks right away.
- Use nonflammable substitutes whenever possible for cleaning and other tasks.
- Use approved airtight metal containers that are kept closed when not in use.
- Ground containers during transfers.
- Use only in well-ventilated areas, away from heat and other ignition sources.
- Treat empty containers as you would full ones, unless purged.

Electricity

- Don't overload outlets, circuits, or motors.
- Replace cords and wires with worn or broken insulation.
- Get good ground connections.
- Keep machines and motors clean of dust and grease.

Fuel and ignition sources

- Smoke only in designated areas.
- Extinguish cigarettes and matches completely and dispose of them safely.
- Contain welding operations.
- Keep compressed gas cylinders secured and stored away from ignition sources.
- Use SDSs and labels. Keep incompatible chemicals apart.

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