



Readers Respond

Safety and personnel topics took the spotlight in the March issue and you loved it! A perennial favorite due to its tie-in to things like workers' compensation, potentially costly OSHA citations, and the culture of your company, the pages were packed with valuable safety information for the office and the plant. Here is what some of you had to say about the safety articles.

Scott Arquilla of Best Homes, Inc. found it interesting to read about a fellow manufacturer's Experience Modification Rate, or MOD:

"Interesting article about Casmin in March. Our MOD is .72 and still too high. We have been trying to convert all of our workers into realizing the benefits of everyone being very safety-conscious in everything they do. It has been a long process for 18 months now; I think we are finally getting through. Our goal is to further reduce Lost Work days, Injuries and Days on Restricted Duty so they are below SIC code averages for 2006."

*Frank Madden of Trussway, Ltd. appreciated that **Safety Scene** reminded readers not to discount office safety:*

"Great job on bring the office into the safety fray. This is an area that is often overlooked and you are doing a service by bringing it to the attention of all concerned. Keep up the good work!"

"Another good idea is to have a lock box for the local fire department, complete with building layouts (noting the self contained computer room), keys to buildings and any other communication that is helpful to the firefighters so, in the event of a fire during non-working hours, they can get into buildings and lessen their entry damage."

The office safety article jogged retiree Bill Loeffler's memory of the state of safety in industry decades ago:

"Thanks for your office safety article in the March issue. It reminded me of some places I called upon in the earlier years of our component industry. Often the office was up open stairs with a slightly loose hand-rail. Floors with shop and parking lot dirt usually became slippery on rainy days. Always there was the old rug or mat near the door with corners dog-eared just waiting to trip me. A decade of success has permitted plant owners to provide much improved office arrangements; it's up to the employees to keep it safe and clean now."

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