

California Society of Safety & Security Professionals

October 4, 2019
NO Morning Seminar
New Location
Lunch Meeting - 11:30 am - 1 pm
Mimi's Bistro & Bakery
4404 Candlewood Street
Lakewood, California 90712

Mandatory Confirmation w/Mario Quintanar via email by 10/1 @ mario@bandemfg.com

Morning Seminar

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Luncheon Speaker

We will be having a presentation on Fire Prevention from our very own Ms. Jennifer Press. Come and hear what we can do to be prepared for a fire at our home or work place.

Lunch Menu

Entrees Choices (choose one)

Parisian Ham Baguette Roasted Turkey Club Mimi's Chicken Caesar Salad Mandarin Chicken Salad

Includes (choose one)

House Salad Caesar Salad Cup of Soup

Dessert (choose one)

Molten Lava Cake Creme Caramel

Beverages

Coffee/Tea/Lemonade/Soft Drink

Please email Mario of your attendance by Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 at: mario@bandemfg.com

President's Message

The recent tragic mass shootings that have occurred across the nation, I want to emphasize the importance of emergency preparedness that could save the lives of colleagues, friends, and family. Awareness of one's surroundings as well as any emergency procedures that may be in place is crucial in such situations. Take time to learn these procedures to ensure the safety for yourself and those around you. A calm and prepared individual makes a great difference in these type of emergencies.

Due to the recent heat and dryness of the season, I want to encourage proper safety practices to lower the risk of fire hazards. Properly maintaining any commercial or natural environment to be free from flammable materials such as dry grass and bushes, as well as combustible liquids or faulty electrical systems, machinery is the key to fire prevention.

All of us are doing our part for safety education and practices shall ensure our comfort and security in the workplace as well as in our personal time. My continued goal of proper safety preparedness and education is paramount as we head into the holiday season.

Mario Quintanar President

Meet the Safety Challenge Every Day with Good Communication

It's often said that safety is everyone's responsibility. It's also often said that management commitment and employee involvement are critical factors in developing an effective safety and health system.

Both these statements are true, of course. And you're the messenger—the link between management and the workforce that makes it all work.

Safety communication is one of your most important roles as a safety professional. Fortunately, there are lots of good ways to communicate your safety messages.

Written Communication

Written safety communications are so often necessary because the material may be technical, complicated, lengthy, and/or because there may be documentation requirements. The written word is also the most flexible way to communicate any kind of safety information to large numbers of employees all at once, while ensuring a consistent message.

Opportunities for written safety communications include:

Policy statements, which establish the importance of safety and health to the organization, create the safety culture, and drive management and employee commitment to maintaining a safe workplace

Safety manuals, which provide technical information about specific equipment or processes

SDSs and labels, which communicate material hazards and precautions

Signs and posters, which alert employees to hazards and emphasize required protections graphically

Monthly safety reports, which provide safety statistics and performance measurements, discuss safety initiatives, indicate changes in rules and procedures, and so on

Incident reports, which analyze near misses, accidents, and other events to discover causes and corrections

E-mail reminders, which keep employees engaged in and up to date within workplace safety issues

Safety bulletin boards, which can be used to display a variety of safety reminders, program information, and other eye-catching information

Safety and health pamphlets, which can be easily and inexpensively distributed to all employees, covering basic safety and wellness issues

Payroll stuffers, which allow you to reach all employees easily with short, important safety messages

Letters mailed to employees' homes, which can provide family safety and health information as part of an off-the-job safety program

Other Communications

As important as written communications are, let's not forget the spoken word. Oral communications are an effective—and immediate—way to communicate small bites of safety information. For example:

- Safety reminders from supervisors
- Positive reinforcement for safe performance
- Weekly safety meetings
- Instructional briefings or toolbox talks
- Safety committee discussions
- Feedback from employees on safety issues and concerns
- Hazard and incident reporting
- Leading by example
- Conducting regular safety inspections and audits
- Maintaining housekeeping schedules and standards to provide employees with a clean and neat workplace
- Making safety training a priority

Food Safety and Cannabis Edibles

Cannabis has been used as an oral medication since the Chinese treatise on pharmacology described that Emperor Shen Nung in 2737 BC used it. In 1850, cannabis was listed in the U.S. Pharmacopoeia as a cure for many ailments; by the early 1900's, Squibb Company, Eli Lilly, and Parke-Davis manufactured drugs made from marijuana as antispasmodics, sedatives, and analgesics.

Fear of marijuana (cannabis) began in the 1920's and 1930's, as the number of Mexican immigrants increased and the Federal Bureau of Narcotics encouraged states to adopt the Marihuana Tax Act as a means to criminalize the production and use of cannabis. It was passed in 1937, requiring the federal registration of cannabis dealers with taxation on sales along with penalizing users of cannabis with a fine and imprisonment.

In the U.S. today, federal and state laws regarding the medical use of cannabis and cannabidiol (CBD) are in conflict due to the Controlled Substance Act (CSA) of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), which has classified cannabis as a Schedule I drug "with no currently accepted medical use in treatment."

In 1996, California passed Proposition 215, allowing individuals suffering from various chronic illnesses to use medical cannabis, which has now been legalized in 29 states and the District of Columbia. Legalization has produced some public health issues, especially in the edible cannabis market, including pediatric ingestion of these food products.

Cannabis edibles can be purchased over the internet, but there are currently no regulatory standards for these products—it's truly a "buyer beware" market. The "high CBD" chocolates (\$50 for four pieces) were labeled "0" on the wrapper. Numerous inconsistencies in dosage for infused edibles (CBD and THC) were noted in purchases from internet sources.

Another consideration in the production of cannabis edibles is the appropriate testing for bio-contaminants and pathogens. Infused edible products must indicate on the label that they have been tested for pesticides, heavy metals, mold, and residual solvents. No public safety guidelines or U.S. Food and Drug Administration label requirements exist, yet people with chronic medical conditions—cancer, Parkinson's disease, ALS, Multiple sclerosis—want to use these products for pain and symptom management.

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