



Captain Safety

BECOME A SAFETY SUPERHERO!



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Emergency Preparedness

Natural disasters, severe storms, fire, bloodborne pathogens, and a variety of other dangers are present in our everyday world, including our workplace. Have you ever thought about what you would do if one of these emergencies occurred while you were at work?

Tornadoes and Severe Thunderstorms

According to the National Weather Service, Illinois is ranked 5th in the U.S. for the most tornadoes and has more than 550 reports of wind damage and large hail, on average, every year from severe thunderstorms. A “watch” means severe weather is possible. A “warning” means severe weather has been sighted. It is important that you know where to seek shelter in your building. When the sirens sound, seek shelter immediately in one of these designated areas. Wait until the sirens have stopped sounding and the storm has passed before coming out. Take a look around and inspect for damage to the building or property after a strong storm. Check in with your supervisor following any weather event that requires you to take shelter.



Fires in the Workplace

The risk of a fire in the workplace is present year round. The risk becomes even greater in the colder months when many employees use space heaters to warm their offices. As an employee of ESS, you should be familiar with our safety rules and know what steps you can take to prevent fires (i.e., good housekeeping, routine maintenance, etc.). You should also be familiar with your building and know all of the evacuation routes to safely get out of the building. If you see a fire or if a fire alarm sounds while you are at work, call 9-1-1 and evacuate the building immediately. DO NOT attempt to put the fire out yourself. You need to wait until the fire department has cleared the building before re-entering.

Other Hazards

Other situations that could pose a potential hazard are human blood or bodily fluids and spilled chemicals. To clean up human blood or bodily fluids, contact your supervisor for a bloodborne pathogens spill kit. Do not attempt to clean up these materials without appropriate personal protective equipment. For chemical spills, consult the Material Safety Data Sheet. Hazardous chemicals should be cleaned up with a spill containment kit (contact your supervisor). Non-hazardous chemicals can generally be disposed of by flushing them down a sanitary drain. Contact your supervisor with any questions.

How close are we to **\$5,000?**

Monthly Hero Awards

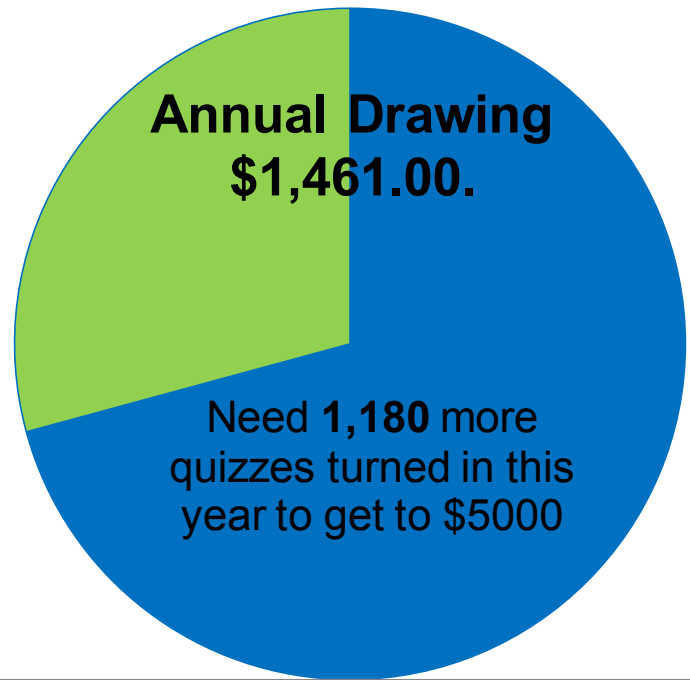
Roy Matsuda

Hope Sutter

Thomas Tucker

Tonya Ervin

Kevin Wells



SAFETY QUIZ

HOW TO SUBMIT SAFETY QUIZZES:

OPTION 1

Complete online by following this link:

<http://essclean.com/page/safety-incentive>.

OPTION 2

Bring it into the office or put in our outside drop box.

OPTION 3

Mail it in.

ESS Clean, Inc.

Attention: Stephanie

P.O. Box 17067

Urbana, IL 61803

****DEADLINE****

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Name _____ Employee # _____

1. What's the difference between a "watch" and a "warning" when it comes to severe weather?

2. True or False (circle one): In the event of an earthquake, if you are outside, you should run indoors.
3. If the fire alarm sounds while you're at work, which of the following should you do?
 - a) consult the MSDS
 - b) stay where you are
 - c) call 9-1-1 and evacuate the building
 - d) ask for a spill containment kit
4. To clean up human blood or bodily fluids, contact your supervisor for a _____. Do not attempt to clean up these materials without appropriate _____.
5. True or False (circle one): You should check in with your supervisor following any weather event that requires you to take shelter.
6. Which of the following will help with chemical spills?
 - a) the Material Safety Data Sheet
 - b) covering your head and neck
 - c) seeking shelter
 - d) none of the above