FMLA Changes

In January Congress amended the Family and Medical Leave Act so as to permit family members to take leave to care for the illness or injury of a “member of the Armed Forces.” FMLA leave will also cover other demands placed on family members by the active duty of their loved ones.

Nutrition Month

During March the American Dietetic Association wants to focus attention on food choices and physical activity habits. Among their suggestions for workplace projects: a “healthy recipe” contest among employees, distributing coupons for discounts on a healthy meal featured in your cafeteria, or sponsoring a canned food drive for a homeless shelter.

Annual Summary of OSHA Violations

In FY2007, OSHA found 88,846 violations of their standards and regulations in the nation’s workplaces, a 6.4 percent increase since FY2003. Both serious and repeat violations increased significantly over the previous fiscal year, as well as over the past five fiscal years.
OSHA Enforcement - [www.osha.gov/dep/enforcement/enforcement_results_07.html](http://www.osha.gov/dep/enforcement/enforcement_results_07.html)

Occ Health/Safety Info At Your Fingertips

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) has created a digital library of information on occupational and environmental health and safety. Subscribers can access downloadable versions of AIHA journals and books, as well as distance learning programs and other resources.
AIHA (OEHS Library Central) - [www.oehslibrary.org/](http://www.oehslibrary.org/)

A Chronicle of Cleanliness

A brief history of hand washing, from Romans and Greeks through Elizabeth I and Louis XIV, underscores the value of this ancient custom, which modern science now promotes for public health.

Heartland Center Occ Health Symposium

A wide variety of topics, including ergonomics and the business side of safety, will be presented March 27-28 in Iowa City. A one-day pre-symposium course (March 26) will cover “The Facts About Mold.”

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