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SAFETY IS A FORWARD-THINKING JOURNEY

Everything in life changes – your age, your weight (especially after the holidays), your job title, your boss, your coworkers, etc. The list could go on and on. Many people fear change or avoid change but not all change is bad. In the field of safety, change can be a good thing. That "change" could lead to new tools, equipment or other upgrades that help save lives and we call that continuous improvement.

Workplace safety should not be static; it should change as new processes, procedures, tools and methods are implemented. The line, "this is the way we have always done it" should not be acceptable in safety IF a viable

improvement has been identified.

Many of our EMWD coworkers are now enjoying the fruits of their labor and have entered the life of retirement, making way for new Directors, Managers, Supervisors and staff. With new team members come new ideas on how to improve safety here at EMWD. Let's explore those new ideas and determine if they can lead to improvements in our safety program.

Tiger Woods said, "No matter

how good you get you can always get better, and that's the exciting part."

Exciting? Yes, continuous improvement can be exciting because those changes help ensure that everyone goes home safely each day.



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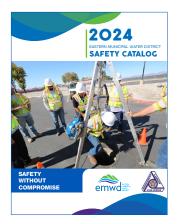


Did you know?

Did you know that in 2023 we had some major improvements in safety due to recommendations by your fellow employees?

The <u>Heat Index Application</u> on all EMWD phones allows employees to know at any given moment the current heat index and offers measures to prevent heat illness (brought to you by Jared McConnell).

The <u>AirNow Application</u> available on all EMWD phones allows you to quickly check the air quality in your area (say thank you to Jay Joyce).



New resources are available courtesy of the many employee recommendations from the 2022 Safety Stand Down. Safety Meeting material for monthly and weekly meetings and the safety catalog. Click <u>HERE</u> for the updated safety catalog.

2024 is not the year to get comfortable with safety. It's the year to be forward-thinking! Speak up, make recommendations, offer suggestions and seek out improvements. DO NOT be shy. Our safety program needs you! Let's do MORE in 2024!

Got Ideas?

Submit through the online portal available on the Safety tab of the Pipeline.

