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## DID YOU KNOW?

OSHA is in the process of updating its rule on walking and working surfaces. The new rule was submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) on July 2 for review, and, according to OSHA, it should be released sometime in August. The rule will include new procedures for clearing floors of obstacles as well as new requirements for personal protective equipment in order to limit fall-related injuries in the workplace.

## Limiting the Risk Factors of Musculoskeletal Disorders

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) account for one-third of all workplace injuries each year. Unfortunately, the response to MSDs in the workplace is usually reactionary, with few preventive measures taken before an employee begins to complain of discomfort or pain due to an MSD.

Many of the risk factors for MSDs can be avoided by re-evaluating the workspace. Common risk factors include the frequent lifting of cumbersome or heavy objects and long periods of inactivity, such as sitting or standing.

Employers should encourage their employees to break up any routine tasks during the workday by taking a walk or doing a few quick stretches. Each employee should also ensure that his or her workstation is suited for his or her individual needs. For more information on MSDs and preventing workplace injuries, contact Atlantic Pacific Insurance today.

## Cyber Risks of Manufacturers

Recently, hackers have found ways to disrupt manufacturers' daily operations by infiltrating their computer systems and taking control of manufacturing machinery. These attacks can result in property damage and can substantially interrupt supply chains.

Though the use of technology is extremely beneficial to the manufacturing industry, it's important to try to limit the risks that cyber crimes pose. Employees should be instructed on basic cyber-security measures, such as never sharing personal or business information through email or other electronic messages, even if the recipient appears to be a colleague or co-worker.

For more cyber security resources and training materials, contact Atlantic Pacific Insurance.

