Kim Caffrey, Custodial Specialist
What does safety in the workplace mean to me?

Seeing my kids growing up and growing old with my husband.

Michael Seymour, Electrician
What does safety in the workplace mean to me?

It means I will be able to see to drive home. Be able to walk into the house with both legs and have both hands and arms to clap for the Royals. And my ears will be able to hear my wife and grandbabies tell me they love me.

Tyson Cott, Ag Tech Sr.
What does safety in the workplace mean to me?

I enjoy life, no point in putting it in jeopardy.
OSHA VISIT

We received a phone call earlier today, The soldiers of safety are coming our way
The call came through loud and clear, OSHA is now on their way over here
Workers are scurrying from front to back, While the boss is having a heart attack
He knows that his job is really on the line, especially if we get a willful violation fine
A loose wire needs to be fastened tight, And housekeeping didn’t do their job last night
One fire extinguisher hasn’t been regularly checked, This place is beginning to look like a total wreck
One guy is off in the hospital anyhow, From catching his hand in a machine somehow
Someone misplaced some needed safety gear, No safety classes have been documented this year
The boss is screaming and yelling at everyone, To Hurry it up and to get the safety done
When OSHA shows up with credentials in hand, He knows that he will be marked man
OSHA will have a field day with all this mess, And all of us will know the strain and the stress
But we can’t catch up the safety violations now, We know that it is really far too late anyhow.
And the worst part of it is that we now know, This had to happened when we let safety practices go
If we had practiced safety procedure everyday, OSHA would have nothing but praise to say
Too late for now this lesson we have learned, When safety is lax, everyone gets burned.

by Bill G. Horsley

BLS announces 2013 preliminary fatal occupational injury counts

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has released the preliminary results of its National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries. According to the BLS data, the number of fatal work injuries in 2013 was lower than the revised count of 4,628 fatal work injuries in 2012. However, the BLS found that fatal work injuries among Hispanic or Latino workers were higher in 2013, rising 7 percent.

"We can and must do more to keep America's workers safe and healthy," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez. "Workplace injuries and fatalities are absolutely preventable."