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Safety Solutions and Strategy to Improve Your Organization's Total Cost of Ownership

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Despite many workplace safety improvements made throughout the years, injuries are still a big problem. In 2015, private industry employers in the U.S. reported approximately 2.9 million nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses such as burns, lacerations, cuts and fractures, as well as latex and chemical allergies.

Workplace injuries can not only have severe effects on the individual, but also can represent serious drawbacks for a company's business performance. The associated direct costs of an injury range from medical expenses to rehabilitation costs and workers' compensation, whereas indirect costs are caused by replacement workers, accident investigation, productivity loss and demotivation of workers.

Global and local trends also have an impact on your company's economic performance. These trends include:

- Increased health and safety standards and regulations
- Increased focus on sustainability and waste reduction
- Vendor standardization and consolidation

- Global standardization in supplies and processes

As a result, demands for compliance, consolidation and simplification necessitate rapid changes and are forcing companies to find new ways to reduce PPE and total facility costs without sacrificing worker safety. However, many companies aren't analyzing the PPE they use on a regular basis. For example, they may have styles of gloves that don't accurately protect workers, workers may use too many gloves instead of a multi-purpose style, wear the glove for too short or too long of a time period and ultimately may not be selecting the right glove for the job. All these mishaps quickly add up – not only in unnecessary product and lost efficiencies, but in actual dollars.

By regularly analyzing a PPE program, these types of safety program flaws can be identified, addressed and solved to find better solutions that not only prevent injuries, but also save time and money. However, taking on the task of auditing an entire PPE program can be daunting. Companies should be able to look to their PPE manufacturers with their safety management program – that's why Ansell developed their Ansell Guardian service.

Ansell Guardian provides an integrated approach to improve business performance. This proprietary service aims to help companies select the right PPE solution to improve their safety, productivity and cost performance. In fact, customers who have completed an Ansell Guardian site assessment saw injuries reduced by 65%^{***} and products decreased by 25%^{***}. Ansell Guardian has saved customers \$6.24 million in injury reduction^{***}, with \$148 million in total savings^{***}.

*Data based upon Ansell Guardian Global surveys since 2014. Final results may vary.

**Source: Ansell Guardian global survey database since 2014.

Need help determining the correct PPE for your application?

Check out the Product Selector

By focusing on the most relevant areas of a business, Ansell Guardian can deliver best practice recommendations that will substantially impact operation costs. Ansell Guardian experts will work in partnership with distributors to complete the following on a site-by-site basis:

- Collect data and discuss business needs and objectives to understand safety requirements.
- In-plant assessment of the current performance baseline and develop an implementation plan
- Validate success of Ansell Guardian against baseline measurements and establish new performance benchmarks.
- Implement Ansell Guardian across all identified key operational areas.
- Train both safety managers and employees for improvement measures.
- Expand Ansell Guardian throughout the organization and monitor the program's performance and success.

Streamlined solutions ultimately deliver better performance, protection and cost savings for businesses. Taking the time to analyze your current PPE program can ensure your business, and your workers, are protected and adequately equipped for the future.

To download the full white paper, please visit Ansell's *resource page*.

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