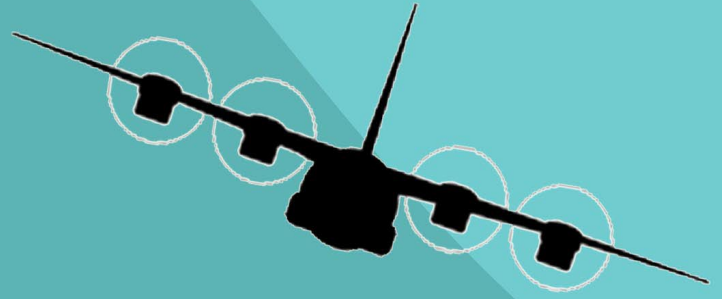




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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of the Air Force partnered with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for the sixth year to promote Safe + Sound Week, August 7-13. This year's Safe + Sound Week challenge "Halt A Hazard" raises awareness about safety in the workplace. The week highlights safety and health programs that include management leadership, worker participation and a systematic approach to find and fix hazards.

While the DAF has a proven and long-standing culture of workplace safety, we are happy to stand alongside OSHA in this effort. The focus gives the DAF another opportunity to increase the safety culture and awareness for our Airmen, Guardians and Civilians.

The Air Force Safety Center created materials to encourage participation in the "Halt A Hazard" challenge. The challenge falls within the Find and Fix element of the campaign. This element of the campaign is focused on an ongoing process that helps better identify and control sources of potential injuries or illnesses in the workplace. To establish procedures to collect and review data about known or potential hazards, investigate root causes and prioritize controls to correct them before they occur.

The materials were distributed throughout the DAF via the Safe + Sound webpage, multiple social media sites, Occupational Safety Professional's page, AFSEC public page and the Air Force portal.

Airmen, Guardians, and Civilians who took the challenge not only increased their safety awareness, but they also strengthened relationships between Units and Wings. This also helped spread the word about the Safe + Sound Week focus to their respective workplace members.

We at AFSEC appreciate all who participated in this worthwhile event by doing so, you are creating a safety culture. Thank you.

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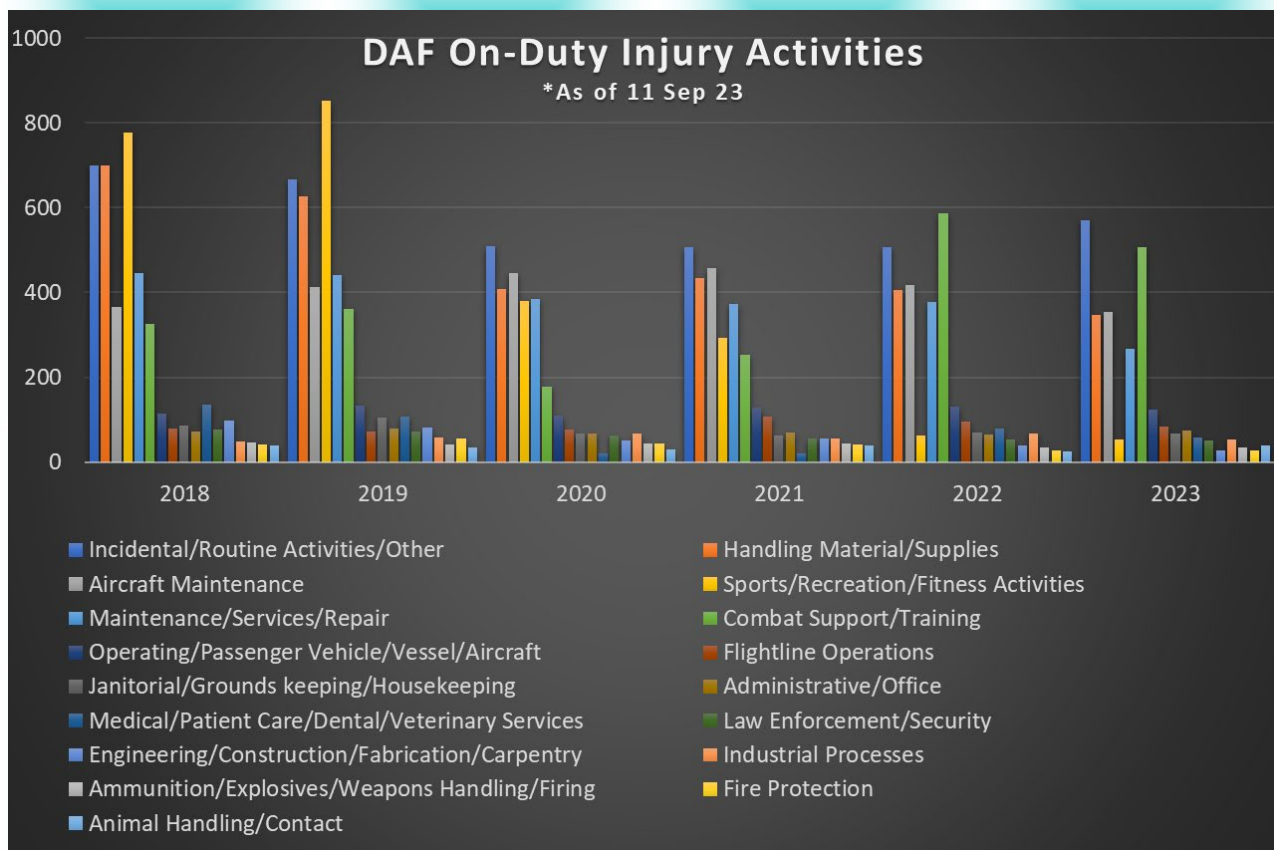
## OVERVIEW:

For the sixth year, the Department of the Air Force aligned its efforts with Occupational Safety and Health Administration to promote Safe + Sound Week, August 7-13, 2023, which raises awareness in workplace safety by highlighting the core elements within the campaign, management leadership, worker participation, and finding and fixing hazards before they occur.

In aligning efforts for the Safe + Sound Week, the DAF encouraged participation in the new OSHA challenge for this year the “Halt A Hazard” theme that falls within the Find and Fix element. The DAF created “Halt A Hazard” safety materials to distribute through multiple social media sites, Occupational Safety Professional’s page and the AFSEC public page.

Participants that enrolled in the OSHA “Halt A Hazard” challenge and submitted their materials received an OSHA participation certificate and could download OSHA’s virtual coin.

The graph below shows a continual downward trend of on-duty injuries by fiscal year. The Safe + Sound Week focus is only one of multiple outreach efforts each year in hopes of continuing the downward trend of on-duty injuries. We believe that continuous distribution of safety messages and educational materials will aid in building a safety culture not only for safety professionals, but for everyone within the Air Force and Space Force.



Furthermore, the chart below shows out of seventeen categories reviewed, thirteen saw a reduction with an overall decrease of over 10% from last year's injuries. For on-duty injuries in 2022 we had 3,041 compared to 2,734 this year, and over the last five years there has been a decrease of over 34% for on-duty injuries.

Count of Event Report Number	Column Labels						
Row Labels	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
Incidental/Routine Activities/Other	700	666	509	508	507	570	3460
Handling Material/Supplies	699	626	409	434	405	346	2919
Aircraft Maintenance	365	413	446	457	418	354	2453
Sports/Recreation/Fitness Activities	777	852	379	292	63	52	2415
Maintenance/Services/Repair	446	441	384	374	378	266	2289
Combat Support/Training	326	360	177	252	586	506	2207
Operating/Passenger Vehicle/Vessel/Aircraft	114	132	109	129	131	124	739
Flightline Operations	79	71	76	106	96	83	511
Janitorial/Grounds keeping/Housekeeping	85	104	68	62	70	66	455
Administrative/Office	73	80	66	70	64	75	428
Medical/Patient Care/Dental/Veterinary Services	136	107	19	20	79	58	419
Law Enforcement/Security	77	73	62	56	52	50	370
Engineering/Construction/Fabrication/Carpentry	97	82	50	55	38	28	350
Industrial Processes	49	58	66	55	67	54	349
Ammunition/Explosives/Weapons Handling/Firing	46	42	43	43	34	35	243
Fire Protection	42	56	43	42	28	28	239
Animal Handling/Contact	38	34	30	40	25	39	206
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4149</b>	<b>4197</b>	<b>2936</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>3041</b>	<b>2734</b>	<b>20052</b>

**AFSEC Social Media:** AFSEC social media experienced an increase of visibility and engagement during the Safe + Sound Week focus. Twitter had 532 impressions (eyes on Safe + Sound social media materials) at 33 per day with 11 engagements, 844 total followers; LinkedIn had 684 impressions with 21 likes and 447 total followers; and Facebook had 2,303 impressions, 30 reactions; reaching a total of 2,036 with 4.88K followers.

Additionally, Safe + Sound materials were disseminated through, SharePoint with 25,826 accumulative followers, Occupational Safety Professional's page with 990 members, and the AFSEC public website had 3,054 users during the focus week.



## SAFE + SOUND MARKETING MATERIALS:

The collage below contains AFSEC Safe + Sound Week materials created and distributed to assist units in participating in the “Halt A Hazard” challenge.



## **CONCLUSTION:**

As the missions of the Air Force and Space Force evolve and change so does the ongoing safety mission. We must be able to adapt our safety messages to continue the downward trend of on-duty injuries.

The continued development and distribution of marketing materials via multiple social media platforms, SharePoint, Occupational Safety Professional's page, AFSEC Public webpage will encourage Airmen, Guardians and Civilians to continue building a safety culture and keep workplaces free of hazards.

By participating every August, in the Safe + Sound Week focus gives Airmen, Guardians and Civilians the opportunity to evaluate and inspect safety programs. This ensures that those safety programs are adapted to each mission to eliminate existing hazards.