

2024



Safe + Sound Final Report

**SAFE +
SOUND
WEEK 2024**
Speak Up for Safety!



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of the Air Force partnered for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for the seven year to promote Safe + Sound week, August 12-18. The challenge this year “Speak up for Safety” fell within the worker participation element of the campaign.

While the DAF has an established and long-standing safety culture of workplace safety, we are happy to stand alongside OSHA in this worthwhile campaign. The focus gives the DAF another avenue to cultivate the safety message and awareness for our Airmen, Guardians, and civilians.

The Air Force Safety Center encouraged participation in the “Speak up for Safety” challenge. The workers participation element of the campaign focuses on worker’s knowledge of potential hazards associated with their jobs and insights to help find solutions in their workplaces. When workers are involved in finding solutions, they feel invested in the program.

Materials were distributed throughout the DAF via the Safe+Sound webpage, Occupational Safety Page, and multiple social media sites.

We at AFSEC appreciate all who participated in the worthwhile event and by doing so, you help create a safety culture. Thank you.

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OVERVIEW:

In its seventh year, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Safe + Sound Week focus began on August 12-18, 2024. In aligning efforts with Safe + Sound week, helped encourage the Department of the Air and Space Force's Airmen, Guardians, and, civilians to raise awareness in workplace safety.

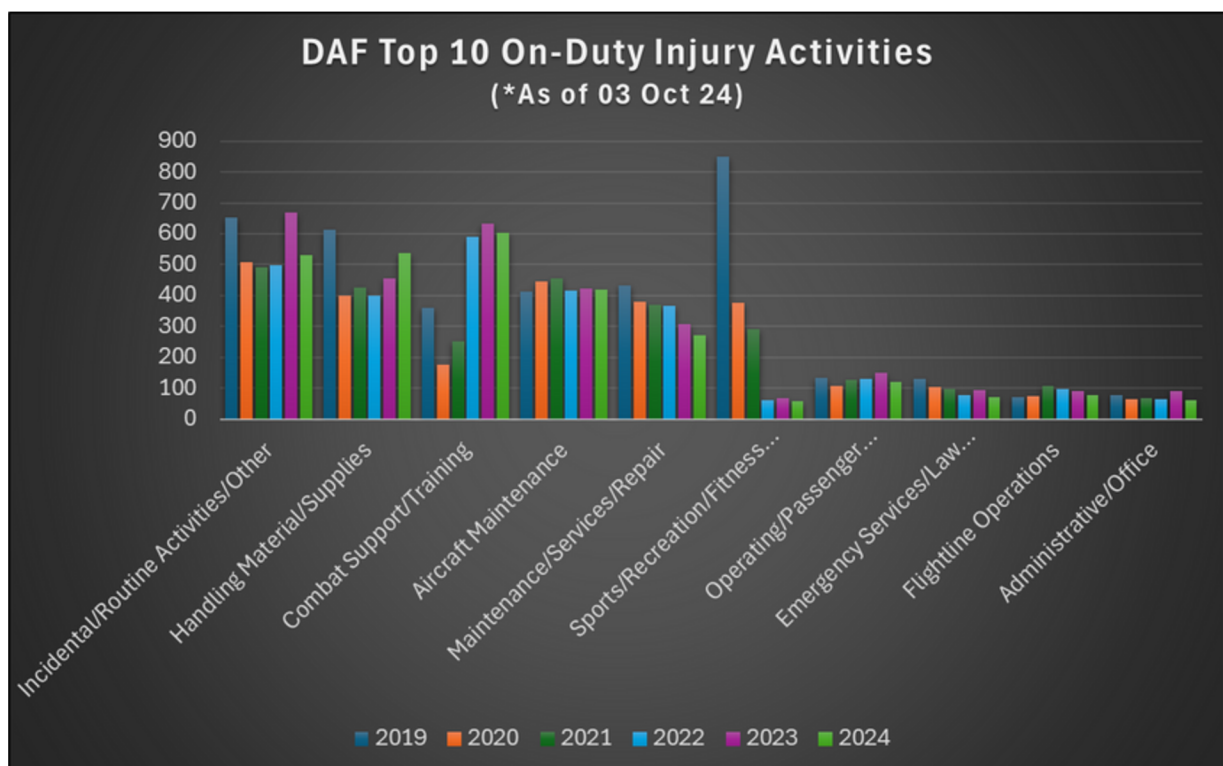
The Air Force Safety Center designed materials to highlight the focus week with the "Speak up for Safety" challenge. The Challenge fell under the worker participation element of Safe + Sound and taps into worker's collective experiences knowledge, and insights of their workplaces to find solutions to potential hazards associated with their jobs.

Workers who get involved in finding solutions feel invested in the program and can participate in multiple ways, such as getting involved by developing the initial program design, reporting incidents, analyzing hazards associated with routine or non-routine jobs, tasks and processes. Reviewing safety reports is another way to get involved by working as a team to build a safer workplace.

Participants were encouraged to enroll in OSHA's "Speak Up for Safety" challenge or the other ten challenges within the three elements of Safe + Sound and submit materials to receive OSHA's and AFSEC's completion certificates and the coveted AFSEC and OSHA's virtual coins.

The graph below shows a continual downward trend of on-duty injuries by fiscal year. The Safe + Sound week focus is one of

multiple outreach efforts utilized each year to encourage Airmen, Guardians, and civilians to keep safety in the forefront to continue the downtrend of on-duty injuries. We believe that continuous distribution of safety messages and educational materials will sustain the building and maintaining of the DAF safety culture, not only for safety professionals, but for everyone within the Air and Space Force's.



Additionally, the chart below shows out of 16 activities reviewed, 12 saw a reduction with an overall decrease of over 7% from the previous year's injuries. For on-Duty injuries in 2023 we had 3296 compared to 3039 this year, and over the last five years there has been a decrease of over 26% for on-duty injuries.

Event Duty Status	Y							
Employment Status Tier 1	(Multiple Items)							
Employment Status Tier 2	(Multiple Items)							
Injured?	Y							
DAF On-duty Injury Counts		Fiscal Year						
Activities		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Incidental/Routine Activities/Other		653	507	492	499	668	531	3350
Handling Material/Supplies		614	399	425	398	457	537	2830
Combat Support/Training		360	177	252	589	633	603	2614
Aircraft Maintenance		413	445	457	417	424	418	2574
Maintenance/Services/Repair		434	380	370	368	306	270	2128
Sports/Recreation/Fitness Activities		850	378	292	62	66	59	1707
Operating/Passenger Vehicle/Vessel/Aircraft		132	108	127	130	151	119	767
Emergency Services/Law Enforcement/Security		129	103	96	77	93	71	569
Flightline Operations		71	74	106	96	90	78	515
Administrative/Office		79	65	69	65	90	60	428
Janitorial/Grounds keeping/Housekeeping		94	63	59	67	76	63	422
Medical/Patient Care/Dental/Veterinary Services		109	19	20	79	70	86	383
Industrial Processes		58	65	53	65	54	49	344
Engineering/Construction/Fabrication/Carpentry		78	47	51	36	33	35	280
Ammunition/Explosives/Weapons Handling/Firing		41	43	43	34	39	40	240
Animal Handling/Contact		34	29	40	25	46	20	194
Grand Total		4149	2902	2952	3007	3296	3039	19345

AFSEC Social Media: AFSEC social media experienced a slight decrease of visibility and engagement during the Safe + Sound week focus. Twitter had 50 impressions (eyes on Safe + Sound social media materials) with 4 engagements, and 924 followers. LinkedIn had 352 impressions with 709 followers and Facebook had 707 impressions, reach was 649 with 5.1K followers.

Additionally, Safe + Sound materials were disseminated through, SharePoint with 35,712 accumulative followers, Occupational Safety Professional's page with 987 members, and the AFSEC public website had 23,240 users during the focus period.

CONCLUSION:

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

The traffic and outreach branch will continue to develop and distribute 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.

