



Safe + Sound

Final Report

2025



Message from the Chief of Occupational Safety



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of the Air Force partnered again with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for its eighth year to promote Safe + Sound Week, August 11-17. This year's Safe + Sound Week challenges "Response Ready" and the "Hazard Huddle" raised awareness about safety in the workplace and beyond.

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

The Air Force Safety Center encouraged participation in the "Response Ready" and "Hazard Huddle" challenges. The "Response Ready" challenge falls within the worker participation element of the campaign. This element of the campaign is focused on the workers knowledge of potential hazards associated with their jobs and insights to find solutions in their workplace. When they are involved in finding solutions, they feel invested in the program. The "Hazard Huddle" challenge falls within the management and leadership element of the campaign and helps build open communication where workers can discuss hazards with leadership.

Materials were distributed throughout the DAF via the Safe + Sound webpage, multiple social media sites, Occupational Safety Professional's page, AFSEC public page, the Air Force portal, along with the Armed Forces Network (AFN).

Airmen, Guardians, and civilians who took the challenges not only increased their safety awareness, but they also strengthened relations between Units and Wings. This also helped spread the word about the Safe + Sound Week's focus to their respective workplace teammates.

We at AFSEC appreciate all who participated in this worthwhile event by doing so, you are maintaining a safety culture that will continue to grow. Thank you.

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Eighth year of collaboration



OVERVIEW:

In its eighth year, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Safe + Sound Week focus began on August 11-17, 2025. In aligning efforts with Safe + Sound week, helped encourage the Department of the Air Forces, Airmen, Guardians, and civilians to raise awareness in workplace safety.

The Air Force Safety Center designed materials to highlight the focus week with the "Response Ready" and "Hazard Huddle" challenges. The challenges fell under the Management Leadership and Worker Participation elements. The Safe + Sound worker participation element taps into worker's collective experiences, knowledge, and insights of their workplaces to find solutions to potential hazards associated with their jobs and the Leadership and Management element encourages open communication and provides resources to workers to implement and operate safety programs fostering a sense of belonging and teamwork.

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 nonroutine jobs, tasks and processes. Reviewing safety reports is another way to get involved by working as a team to build a safer workplace.

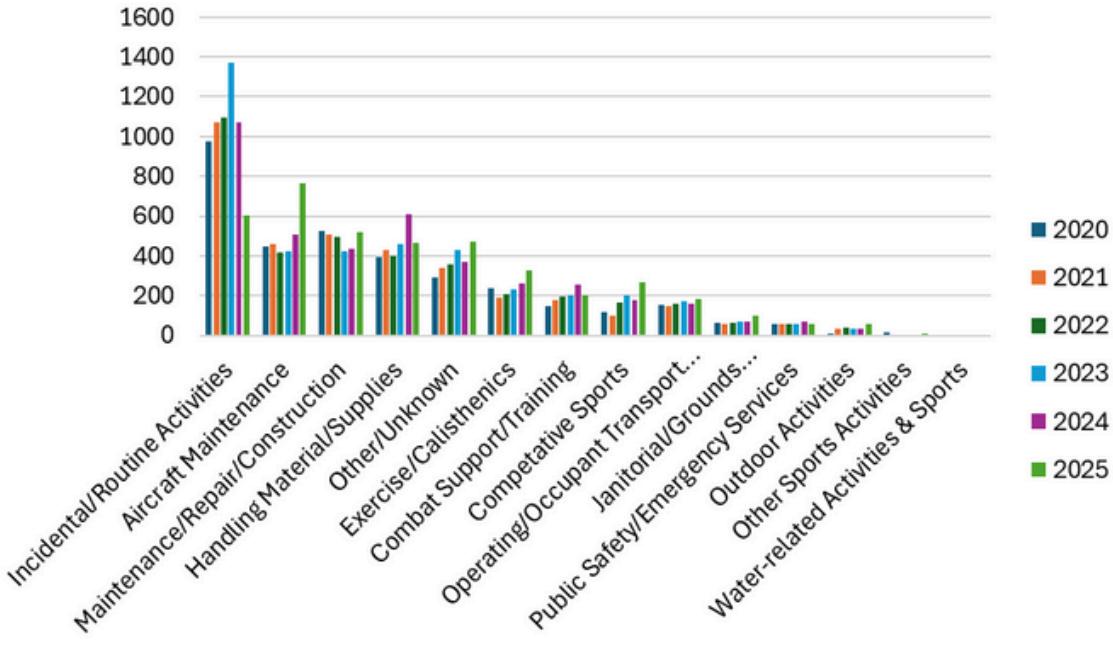
Participants were encouraged to enroll in OSHA's "Response Ready" and "Hazard Huddle" challenges or the other eleven challenges within the three elements of Safe + Sound and submit materials to receive OSHA's & AFSEC's completion certificates and the coveted OSHA virtual coin.

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 downward trend 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.

Our Successes



On-Duty DAF Injuries by Activities



*As of 29 Oct 25

Additionally, the chart below shows out of 14 categories reviewed, four saw an decrease, however, there was an overall increase of less than 1% from the previous year's injuries. For on-duty injuries in 2024 we had 4024 compared to 4032 this year, and over the last five years there has been a increase of over 14% for on-duty injuries. It is imperative that we continue to distribute on-duty safety messages.

Employment Status Tier 1	(Multiple Items)
Employment Status Tier 2	(Multiple Items)
Event Duty Status	Y
Injured?	Y
Count of Event Report Number	Column Labels
Row Labels	2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 Grand Total
Incidental/Routine Activities	976 1071 1095 1368 1070 606 6186
Aircraft Maintenance	446 458 418 426 505 768 3021
Maintenance/Repair/Construction	524 505 493 426 435 521 2904
Handling Material/Supplies	395 427 397 459 609 464 2751
Other/Unknown	292 341 357 429 369 471 2259
Exercise/Calisthenics	239 192 207 229 261 327 1455
Combat Support/Training	147 179 194 199 257 199 1175
Competative Sports	116 102 168 204 176 268 1034
Operating/Occupant Transport Vehicle	151 148 157 170 160 181 967
Janitorial/Grounds keeping/Housekeeping	61 58 63 72 69 102 425
Public Safety/Emergency Services	60 60 59 57 71 55 362
Outdoor Activities	13 37 38 37 37 56 218
Other Sports Activities	15 2 1 6 3 11 38
Water-related Activities & Sports	2 2 2 2 2 3 13
Grand Total	3437 3582 3649 4084 4024 4032 22803

Commitment to a Safety Culture



ARE YOU + PREPARED?

You should be. Sometimes, nature doesn't call first.

Get your Emergency Plan and Preparedness kit done before a natural disaster happens.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Section 1: Emergency Survival Items:

- Water Containers
- First Aid Kit
- Torch
- Battery Operated Radio
- Batteries
- Tinned Food
- Can Opener
- Dust Mask

IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION
Build your emergency plan and preparedness kit.

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT
WWW.SAFETY.AF.MIL

AFSEC Social Media:

The Safe + Sound week campaign materials were distributed through multiple social media outlets: Twitter had 133 impressions with 4 engagements, and 956 followers. LinkedIn had 500 impressions with 868 followers and 11 new followers, and Facebook had 2,812 views, and reach was 2,032 with 5.8K followers.

Additionally, Safe + Sound materials were distributed through, SharePoint with 44,037 accumulative followers, Occupational Safety Professional's page with 994 members, Defense Visual Information Distribution Services (DVIDS), YouTube with 52 views and 2 likes, and the AFSEC public website had 19,285 users during the focus period.

Furthermore, the Safe + Sound Week Introduction video with Staff Sgt. Tyler Catanach was released to the Armed Forces Network (AFN) with an audience of more than 500,000 AFN viewers in 177 countries.

Conclusion



RESPONSE READY CHALLENGE

EXAMPLES OF EMERGENCIES TO PLAN FOR:

**WEATHER-RELATED DISASTERS (FLOODS, HURRICANES,
TORNADOS, WILDFIRES)**

CHEMICAL SPILLS OR RELEASES

EXPLOSIONS

SUSTAINED POWER OUTAGES

VIOLENCE

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

EVERY WORKER SHOULD REVIEW THE EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

As the Air Force and Space Force evolves and changes their missions and personnel so does the ongoing safety missions. We must adapt our safety messages and educational materials to adapt to the changing mission sets and continue the downward trend of on-duty injuries.

The traffic and outreach branch continues to develop and distribute marketing materials via multiple social media platforms, SharePoint, Occupational Safety Professional's page, AFSEC Public webpage, and the Armed Services Network (AFN) to help motivate our Airmen, Guardians, and civilians to continue enhancing the safety culture and keep workplaces free from hazards.