



Air Combat Command QUEST FOR ZERO



Fall Protection Awareness Focus

OSHA is having a “National Safety Stand-Down” 4 – 15 May 2015. In support of this initiative the Air Force will have its own Fall Protection Awareness Focus at the same time. The purpose of this focus is to raise awareness of fall protection for the entire Air Force, Active Duty, Civilian, Guard, Reserve, Contractors, and family members. Whether it’s a fall from heights or a “slip, trip, and fall,” everyone will benefit by spending some time discussing fall protection prevention.



This particular Quest for Zero flash involves falls in an on-duty environment. In ACC we sustained a total of 180 mishaps in FY14 involving falls of some sort. Out of the 180 mishaps, 100 were in the on-duty environment. Below are a few of those mishaps that anyone of us could have had.

Slippery Surface Ahead (AFSAS #996912):

This particular mishap involved a member that was pulling a portable generator across a maintenance bay when he slipped on residual fluid that was left on the floor. The member fell backwards striking his head on the floor resulting in severe head pain. The member did not go to the hospital at the time of the accident; however, when the pain did not subside after 12 hours, he decided to go to the hospital where he was diagnosed with a minor concussion. Maintenance bays are inherently hazardous by the nature of the work that takes place in them; however, good housekeeping practices can reduce the risk of a mishap....remember spills should be cleaned up immediately!

Watch Your Step (AFSAS #979794):

Moving an -86 power cart may seem easy enough, but in this particular mishap the member was moving the -86 from one spot to another with the assistance of a co-worker. One member of the task was pulling/guiding the -86 by the tow tongue when he lost his footing and fell to the concrete. Unfortunately the -86 was still moving in his direction and struck him in the upper right torso before he was able to move out of the way. The member felt pain in his right shoulder and chest and noticed minor abrasions to the upper right arm and wrist. He was seen at the emergency room where he was diagnosed with minor scrapes and bruises. We were very lucky this member was not more seriously injured.

Slow Down and Stay Safe!