



Cut off your nose to spite your face

The U.S. Postal Service is facing the worst crisis in its history, expecting to lose more than \$7 billion this year. And what does it want to do? Do away with a day of delivery! Hmm, U.S. Postal Service—let's take away what we provide *service*. There are many things that we as activists must do to once again help the Postal Service save itself from itself. Please go to nalc.org and click on the "5 day is the wrong way" link and participate, get the knowledge and, once again, help save our Service.

Workers Memorial Day

I would like to thank all of the branches that participated in this year's Workers Memorial Day, Good Jobs Safe Jobs Now. Numerous brothers and sisters once again joined the labor movement in observance of Workers Memorial Day to commemorate the anniversary of enactment of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) nearly four decades ago.

Are you performing acts of safety?

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Odds are you perform several acts of safety every day. While something as simple as wiping up a spill on the floor may seem insignificant, you could be preventing an accident from occurring. Your job may be directly tied to keeping others safe. It's easy to get caught up in the routine and not realize the things you do as a part of your job give someone else the ability to return home to their friends and family at the end of the day.

It's not only safety professionals, health care workers and police officers who keep others safe. Safety is everyone's responsibility. When a child reminds a parent to wear a safety belt, that child is performing an act of safety. When your spouse picks up clutter on the stairs, that is an act of safety.

Last October, the National Safety Council announced

its "A Million Acts of Safety" campaign at Congress & Expo. We are trying to showcase safety in our day-to-day lives and share with one another ways to keep people we care about safe.

Use this activity to encourage employees to bring safety home. Families can participate together. Suggest recruiting organizations family members are involved in, such as local high schools, Boy or Girl Scout troops and church groups. This could be a great National Safety Month activity.

What acts have your peers been recording?

"I added locks to my cabinets to protect my child from the harmful cleaning chemicals under the sink."

—Brooke, Chicago

"As I was driving my daughter to her martial arts class just after sunset, I noticed a family on the side of the roadway. Two adults were walking and a young girl was on her bike. The road is a fairly busy one, and they were hard to see. The parents had put an orange vest on the girl, but it did not have the reflective tape. Since I had my work vest in the car with me, I stopped and complimented the parents on having the girl wear the vest and showed them my vest (lime green) with the reflective stripe. I told them I was due for a replacement and offered them my vest. They seemed to get the difference the reflective tape made. It was easy to see on the side of the road that evening. They accepted my offer and seemed happy. Hopefully, I will pass them again and see the hi vis vest being worn. That would make me happy."

—Craig, San Marcos, TX

"I observed a family member standing on a chair with casters instead of using a ladder. I gave her a hand, asked her to climb down and explained the hazard. I then shared the experience with five others in the family."

—James, Cincinnati

"A mat had become curled in front of the door, catching the door as it opened and closed. I moved the mat, as a person coming in would have had a tripping hazard from the curled mat."

—Mary Jo, Des Moines, IA