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How Well Do You Know Your Matting?

Recently, more than 600 jansan distributors and other cleaning professionals were asked to test their knowledge about high-performance matting systems, with nearly 100 responding.

The online study was conducted by Crown Mats and Matting, one of the industry's oldest and leading matting companies.

Although matting systems historically have been used to promote safety, today they are considered an integral part of Green cleaning. This is because they help keep outdoor soils and contaminants from being “walked in” to a facility, resulting in a healthier indoor environment and reducing cleaning needs.

One of the first questions asked was what percentage of contaminants are captured and trapped by a high-performance matting system. Fifty-five percent knew they are estimated to trap as much as 80 percent of the contaminants. (Answers to all questions are below)

Another question asked the respondents to define the expression “Rule of 15.” Eighty-four percent knew it refers to the number of feet of matting needed at building entries to help keep contaminants out.

Safety Issues Explored

The respondents were also asked a number of questions relating to slips and falls and overall building safety.

Among the findings were the following:

- More than half of the respondents knew it is estimated that 35 percent of workdays are lost each year as the result of slips and falls.
- Nearly half knew that the National Safety Council estimates the average cost of a slip and fall in lost work time, worker's compensation, and medical costs is about \$50,000 per incident.
- Eighty percent thought 10,000 people or less are hospitalized *per day* in the United States as a result of slip and fall accidents. However, the figure is much higher, closer to 20,000.

“This survey tells us that most of the respondents are aware of the environmental benefits of high-performance matting systems and how they can promote safety,” says Phyllis Lark, marketing manager for Crown Mats. “However, it also indicates more education [on these benefits] may be needed in certain areas.”

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All Questions and Answers below:

A factory worker working on a mat without resilience is similar to which of the following choices?

- Trying to run in sand

What percentage of “lost workdays” can be attributed to slips and falls each year?

- 35 percent

The National Safety Council estimates that the average cost per lost time Workman’s Compensation case, often the result of a slip, trip, or fall injury, amounts to:

- \$50,000

How many people per day are hospitalized because of a slip, trip, or fall?

- More than 20,000

Crown Mats and Matting invented the market’s first walk-off mat:

- 60 years ago

What percentage of our nation’s workforce reports work-related foot or lower leg problems each year?

- More than 80 percent

Some studies report that a high-performance matting system can capture and trap how much soil and contaminants, preventing it from entering a facility?

- About 80 percent or more

The Rule of 15 applies to:

- The number of feet of matting needed at building entries
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(BLANK) occurs when there is not enough traction between the walker’s feet and the surface walked upon. In this case, BLANK is referring to:

- A slip

About Crown Mats and Matting

For more than 60 years, Crown Mats and Matting has been a pioneer in the development and manufacture of matting products. Beginning with the invention of walk-off matting by the company's founder, R.P. Johnson, the company now has the most diverse matting product line offered in our industry. Crown sells matting through an extensive network of highly trained sales representatives in all 50 states. These sales experts are familiar with the features and benefits of all matting systems and are able to help their clients find the right system for virtually all applications.

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