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Kaivac Quiz Outlines Restaurant Slip & Fall Accidents

July 6, 2011 — Many in the professional cleaning industry are unaware of how serious a problem slip-and-fall accidents are in restaurants. The National Floor Safety Institute reports that millions of people are injured annually as a result of slips and falls in restaurants—and most of those injured work in the restaurant, according to a Kaivac, Inc. press release.

In the hope that the jansan industry can help prevent these accidents in the future, Kaivac has introduced the following Kaivac Cleaning Challenge to test cleaning-industry professionals' knowledge of restaurant-specific slip-and-fall accidents. Answers are listed below.

Question 1

About how many foodservice workers are injured each year in the U.S. due to slip-and-fall accidents?

- A. Three million
- B. One million
- C. Less than 1 million
- D. About 500,000

Question 2

How much do you believe the restaurant industry spends each year as a result of slip-and-fall accidents in restaurant facilities?

- A. More than US\$1 billion, increasing at a rate of 10 percent per year
- B. More than \$2 billion, increasing at a rate of 10 percent per year
- C. About \$2 billion, decreasing at a rate of 5 percent per year
- D. Around \$1 billion, increasing at a rate of 5 percent annually

Question 3

Which of the following rarely contributes to a slip-and-fall accident in a foodservice area?

- A. Lack of slip resistance on walking surfaces
- B. Power cords, cooking utensils, and other items left on the floor
- C. Soil, grease, and water on the floor surface
- D. Poor visibility

Question 4

Polymerization is a common problem in commercial kitchen floors. Which of the following best describes what polymerization means?

- A. A film coating on the top of a floor surface
- B. The build-up of cleaning chemicals on kitchen floor surfaces



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- C. A reduction of friction on floor surfaces
- D. All of the above

Answers:

1. A; 2. B; 3. B; 4. D

Sources: *National Floor Safety Institute and the U.S. Department of Labor*



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