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Knowledge of Antifatigue Matting Systems Surveyed

Fremont, OH - May 11, 2009 - A questionnaire was recently distributed to approximately 500 building service contractors, jansan distributors, and facility managers to ascertain their understanding of antifatigue matting systems.

According to the questionnaire's sponsor, Crown Mats and Matting which developed antifatigue matting systems about 40 years ago, the goal was not only to test the recipients' knowledge of antifatigue mats but to help educate them on how the systems work and their benefits.

Some of the items covered:

- More than 12 percent thought “almost all mats today have antifatigue qualities.” However, most of the respondents knew that antifatigue matting systems are mats specially designed to reduce “the pain or tiredness caused by standing on hard surfaces for long periods of time.”
- Virtually all knew that standing for long periods of time on a hard surface floor can cause worker pain and fatigue, resulting in reduced worker productivity, increased absenteeism, and lower morale.
- A little more than half believe this can happen on any type of hard surface floor: wood, stone, tile, or cement. However, studies indicate that standing for long periods on a cement floor can have a greater adverse impact on workers than standing on other types of floor surfaces.

“This is likely because cement and concrete have no ‘give’ when walked or stood on,” says Christopher Tricozzi, vice president of sales and marketing for Crown Mats. “One of the key benefits of an antifatigue matting system is the ‘give, take, and rebound’ affect that helps improve blood flow and circulation through the legs and reduce fatigue.”

Legally Required?

When respondents were asked if they believe U.S. employers are required to install antifatigue matting systems, nearly 90 percent reported they did not.

This may be open to debate because the Health and Safety in Employment Act of 1992 requires employers to take all practicable steps to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees.

Many experts believe that prolonged standing should be considered hazardous because it we know it can lead to discomfort, pain, or injury, according to Tricozzi. “They advise that antifatigue matting systems should be a part of a facility's efforts to keep the work environment safe and healthy for its workers.”

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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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