

NASA-LaRC SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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OSEMA Channel 11 TV

On Monday, May 15, the Office of Safety, Environment, and Mission Assurance began broadcasting on the new LaRC Cable Network, Channel 11. This new service will offer 24 hour viewing of many topics concerning safety, environment and mission assurance. At present, there are information boards that run constantly and a film series that airs at 8:30 AM, 9:10 AM and 1:00 PM. The boards that constantly run include the titles of the films for the week.

OSEMA looks forward to the growth of the new channel. At present, information and use of films for safety meetings will serve as a means of real time communication of safety news to LaRC employees. No longer will it be necessary to visit the Safety Office for borrowing safety films, just turn to Channel 11 and utilize the network.

Suggestions for future viewing should be forwarded to Gary Carl, extension 43377.

It's Your Responsibility !

With so much talk about government regulations on policies and procedures, it's easy to forget that safety is primarily a **personal responsibility**. Workplaces can be covered with warning signs, safety posters and bulletin boards. Safeguards can be installed on each piece of equipment. We can attend training sessions and be told of safe ways to do work, but none of these things can ensure freedom from accidents unless we want to prevent them. It's up to us !

Unless we realize that our own actions determine whether or not accidents occur and unless we accept responsibility for these actions, injuries will occur.

Who puts tools and equipment into motion and controls their movement ? Who, but the individual, can control the placement of his body, the movement of his arms, legs and eyes and, most importantly, the activity of his brain ?

A person's ability to direct his own actions and

control his environment carries with it the responsibility to use this direction and control so that his own creations do not harm himself and others.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Traffic

As the weather continues to improve, many employees at LaRC become more active in walking, jogging and bicycle riding. The following are safety requirements to be observed at LaRC as written in LMI 1700.7.

- Bicycles will be operated to the right side of the roadway and operators will comply with all the rules of the road. **(Bicycles are not to be ridden on sidewalks .)**

Pedestrians

- Cross streets at designated crosswalks exercising extreme caution at corners.

- Look both ways before entering crosswalks to make sure there is sufficient time to walk across the street.

- Do not step in front of an oncoming vehicle assuming the vehicle will stop.***(Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks after they stop, look and enter with sufficient time to safely cross the street.)**

Safety comes from man's mastery of his environment and of himself. It is won by individual effort and group cooperation. It can be achieved only by informed, alert, skillful people who respect themselves and have a good regard for the welfare of others. -- Author Unknown