

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 9

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

EVERY YEAR SOME ELEVEN THOUSAND WORKERS LOSE THEIR LIVES IN A WORKPLACE ACCIDENT, SOME OF THEM IN COAL MINES RIGHT HERE IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

NEXT WEEK, WE OBSERVE NATIONAL SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE WEEK. THIS DESIGNATION MUST BE OBSERVED BY EVERYONE WHO WORKS FOR A LIVING -- AND NOT JUST IN THE COAL MINES. EVERY TIME A MACHINIST STEPS UP TO A MACHINE, EVERY TIME A CARPENTER PICKS UP A SAW, EVERY TIME A CHEF FIRES UP A ~~SOTVE~~ ^{STOVE}, SAFETY IS VITAL. SAFETY CANNOT TAKE A BACKSEAT TO PRODUCTIVITY.

DURING THIS WEEK, EMPLOYERS CAN REVIEW COMPANY SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICIES, MAKE SELF-INSPECTIONS AND PROVIDE SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT.

WORKERS CAN HELP, TOO. KNOW AND COMPLY WITH SAFETY RULES, BE ALERT FOR HAZARDS, AND WEAR REQUIRED PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. IS SAFETY WORTH IT? YOU BET YOUR LIFE.

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