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ISEA ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF UPDATED STANDARD FOR WORKPLACE FIRST AID KITS AND SUPPLIES

ARLINGTON, VA (May 12, 2009) - The International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) has received American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approval for ANSI/ISEA Z308.1-2009, *American National Standard – Minimum Requirements for Workplace First Aid Kits and Supplies*.

This standard, a revision to the 2003 edition, was prepared by the members of ISEA's Industrial First Aid Group, in conjunction with leading industry stakeholders and was reviewed by a consensus panel of users, health and safety professionals and government agencies. Significant updates incorporated into this version include the designation of new kit types, expansion of the required supply list to include a first aid guide, and a redesign of the product label.

Kits in compliance with this standard will provide a basic range of products to deal with most types of injuries encountered in the workplace. "During the revision process, much consideration was given to contemporary first aid protocols and the availability of products used to treat workplace injuries," said Bob Rock, chairman of the ISEA Industrial First Aid Group and product manager of North by Honeywell. "The updated document reflects an assortment of supplies in sizes and quantities that are best-suited to treat worker injuries."

The kit label has been redesigned to draw specific attention to fact that each workplace is unique and, as such, may necessitate the availability of additional first aid supplies. "The standard developing committee recognized that as work sites vary, so does the likelihood for the need for specific first aid supplies beyond the minimum required items," said Rock. "The new kit label is an added tool to remind employers that supplementary first aid contents may be needed."

Copies of the standard are available from ISEA headquarters at 1901 N. Moore Street, Suite 808, Arlington, VA 22209. The single-copy cost is \$27.00. Discounted rates for bulk orders are offered. For additional information, contact the ISEA at (703) 525-1695.

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