



Multimedia News Release - MSA Safety Works Launches 2006 Home Safety Tour

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Safety Month Marks National Push on Do-It-Yourself Safety

PITTSBURGH, June 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- MSA Safety Works, the consumer products group of MSA (NYSE: MSA), announced today that its annual Home Safety Tour is underway. Now in its third consecutive year, the 2006 tour will target the Gulf Coast region to ensure consumers are safer than ever when tackling projects around the house.

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To emphasize the need for sound safety practices, MSA Safety Works is using the month of June to kick off the Tour - a traveling program created to educate the public on the importance of using proper protective equipment - such as safety glasses, hearing protection and respirators - when tackling do- it-yourself (DIY) projects.

Central to the MSA program is the Safety Squad, a team of safety specialists who will patrol hundreds of neighborhoods and job sites in 17 cities in search of DIYers and contractors who are working at risk. The Safety Squad's mission is to equip these individuals with the information and products that enable them to work more safely and avoid injuries.

"Most people never think about wearing protective products or just don't feel there's a need to do so," said John Quinn, Retail and Construction Market Manager for MSA and creator of the Home Safety Tour. "Focusing this year's tour on the Gulf Coast region will enable last year's hurricane victims to take safe measures while rebuilding. The truth is that accidents happen when we least expect them and, literally, at the blink of an eye."

According to the Home Improvement Research Institute, Americans are expected to spend a record \$305 billion this year fixing up their homes. Additionally, it's estimated that 72 percent of these home improvement projects will be tackled by DIYers. MSA Safety Works estimates that fewer than 25 percent of this group will take appropriate steps to protect themselves from the potential harm that could result from power tools, falling objects or hazardous vapors.

Touring in the MSA Safety Works' Safety Bug, a highly customized Volkswagen Beetle that resembles a giant hard hat, the Safety Squad will be a highly visible reminder of the need to stay safe. In addition to making stops in local neighborhoods and on job sites, the Safety Squad will demonstrate safety products at retail locations, including select True Value Hardware and The Home Depot stores.

The 2006 Home Safety Tour began June 10 in Birmingham, Alabama and will include stops in Mobile, Gulfport, Baton Rouge, Houston, Dallas, and Little Rock.

Editor's note: Click on the above links for additional tour information. To arrange an interview or photo opportunity with the Safety Squad as they patrol area neighborhoods, please contact Samantha Johns at 412-967-3241 - or - 412-576-3535.

About MSA Safety Works

MSA Safety Works is the consumer products group of MSA (NYSE: MSA), the global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of sophisticated safety products that protect people's health and safety. The company's comprehensive line of products is used by workers around the world in the fire service, homeland security, construction and other industries, as well as the military. Established in 1914, MSA has annual sales of more than \$900 million, manufacturing operations throughout the world, and more than 30 international locations.

MSA Safety Works' comprehensive line of consumer products include respirators, hard hats, hearing protection, eye and face protection, protective clothing, fall protection equipment and first aid kits for use in all home improvement projects.

MSA Safety Works products can be found in leading home improvement stores in the United States, including select Home Depot and True Value stores. For more information, visit www.msasafetyworks.com

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