



MSA Safety Works Launches 2007 Home Safety Tour

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

PITTSBURGH, June 21 /PRNewswire/ -- MSA Safety Works, the consumer products group of MSA (NYSE: MSA), today kicked off its annual Home Safety Tour -- a six week traveling program created to educate homeowners about the need for sound safety practices around the house. Now in its fourth consecutive year, the purpose of the tour is to ensure consumers are safer than ever when tackling projects around the house.

Central to the MSA program is the Safety Squad, a team of safety specialists who, over the next several weeks, will patrol hundreds of neighborhoods and job sites in 20 cities in search of DIYers and contractors working at risk. The Safety Squad's mission is to equip these individuals with the information and products -- such as safety glasses, hearing protection and respirators -- that enable them to work in a safer manner, in order to 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. "The truth is that accidents happen when we least expect them and, literally, at the blink of an eye."

According to the National Safety Council, even though the rate of injuries occurring at the workplace and on highways has decreased, the rate occurring in homes and communities has risen 30% from 1992 through 2005. Over half of all injury-related deaths, as well as 75 percent of all disabling injuries, occur in the home. Therefore, MSA is attempting to make it easier for DIYers to remain safe while tackling their projects.

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. This summer's Tour will take the squad from Pennsylvania down to Texas and back.

The 2007 Home Safety Tour begins tomorrow in Detroit, Michigan and will run through July, stopping in various cities including Cincinnati, OH, Memphis, TN, Jackson, MS, New Orleans, LA, Baton Rouge, LA, Houston, TX, Dallas, TX and San Antonio, TX.

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 <http://www.msasafetyworks.com>

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