

STOP

Workplace "Jewellery" Related Accidents and Injuries

Our Workplace No Jewellery Program:

PHASE 1 - LeClasp Worker JEWELLERY Holder:

Handles the essentials of the safety initiative — equipping employees with a jewellery holding device where they can attach rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, watches, body piercings, etc. BEFORE walking in the place of work.



Item # 1250 - LeClasp Worker JEWELLERY Holder



PHASE 2 - LeClasp Medical Alert ID KEY Holder

Equips workers wearing Medical Alert Identification jewellery (bracelets, necklaces) with a "non-dangling" substitute (backup, alternative) product that can SAFELY be carried & KEPT ON THEIR PERSON at all times when working in the vicinity of heavy machinery, kitchens, conveyers, tools, vehicles, etc.



Item # 1350/52/54 - LeClasp Medical Alert KEY Holder

- For proactive employers who take reasonable steps to prevent bodily harm to workers or visitors to facilities.
- Recommended across all kinds of industries and sub-sectors including industrial manufacturing and processing, warehousing, construction, oil and gas, pulp and paper, mining, agriculture, health and education services, pharmaceutical, automotive, utilities and electrical, food services, hospitality, chemical, agriculture, transportation, public works, fisheries, military, etc. (Hmmm... Did we forget someone??)

The Problem

- Today men and women are putting on more jewellery — from a traditional watch, bracelet(s), necklace(s) and rings; to trendy body piercings to beautify the nose, lip, belly button and other body parts.
- Jewellery related accidents and injuries can happen when dangling neckwear, jewellery and similar items worn by workers get caught in or get stuck against objects, equipment and moving parts of machinery.
- Hand lacerations, sprained, crushed or broken fingers, arm fractures, ear scars from headgear, etc. are typical jewellery caused injuries.

Our Solution

- Our patented LeClasp™ SAFETY JEWELLERY HOLDER can "clasp" up to 95% of all popular jewellery. A simple squeeze on the thumb pads and voila; a worker's irreplaceable personal possessions are kept safe, secure and protected — ready for safekeeping inside a locker, pocket or lunch box.

Benefits

- LeClasp™ can help raise awareness to the hazards of jewellery and encourage safety habits at the workplace
- LeClasp™ can help prevent jewellery related contact with objects, equipment and moving parts of machinery accidents
- LeClasp™ can help protect "high risk" new hires, young trainees & visitors to facilities from jewellery related injuries
- Cost as low as \$6.80 per worker - Payback achieved on average after averting 2-3 jewellery related lost-time claims.

For additional information, visit www.leclasp.com



Workplace Jewellery Holders come decorated on the FRONT side with the choice of six Safety First messages.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

Workplace No Jewellery Program QUICKIE VIRTUAL PROPOSAL:

Our Strict No Jewellery Program (Phase 1 and 2)

PHASE 1 - Handles the essentials of the safety initiative --- equipping employees with a jewellery holding device where they can attach rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, watches and piercings BEFORE walking in the place of work.

Item # 1250 - LeClasp Workplace JEWELLERY Holder comes identified on the FRONT side with YOUR choice of Safety First message (1A -1F-D)

MSG # 1



Recommended one (1) per worker



Now Available For Sports Teams, Leagues and Golf Tournaments too!



Your Safety Slogan Here!

Item # 1252 - Extra Organization Logo and Safety Slogan on the BACK Side



PHASE 2 - Equips workers who wear Medic Alert Identification (ID) jewellery with a "non-dangling" SUBSTITUTE that can be worn safely and kept on their person at all times in the workplace.

Item # 1350 - LeClasp KEY Holder comes identified on the front and back sides with worker emergency Medical Alert ID Information (50A - 50D)



Item #1352 - LeClasp Medical Alert Id KIT. Includes #1350 identified with a Generic "See Wallet Card" Symbol (59A) on the front/back sides and, comes with two (2) Free Emergency Contact and Medical Information Wallet (#1354) and Employee Badge (#1360) size cards that workers fill in themselves.



55D

Emergency Wallet Card (Carte Portefeuille d'Urgence)
Contact Information
Renseignements personnes à rejoindre

Name (Nom) & Date of Birth (de naissance): _____

Emergency contacts (personnes à rejoindre en cas d'urgence):
Physician (médecin) - Specialty (spécialité) - Tel. (tel.) _____
1: _____
2: _____
Family/friend/contact (famille/amis/travail) - Tel./cell. (tel./cell.) _____
1: _____
2: _____

Medical Information (see reverse) - Renseignements Médicaux (voir verso)

Emergency Wallet Card (Carte Portefeuille d'Urgence)
Medical Information
Renseignements médicaux

Known medical conditions, all current medications (doses), allergies, devices/implants, special needs, personal requests.
(Précisions de santé connues, tous les médicaments, allergies (dosages), appareils/implants, besoins particuliers, demandes spéciales):

Date (dim/y): _____ Signature: _____



59A

LeClasp Safety Products and Solutions:

Item #1350 - LeClasp Medical Alert ID Key Holder (Personalized)

MSG # **A B C D E F G**

1350 - LeClasp Key Holder with choice of PERSONALIZED Medical Alert ID Symbols. Choice 36+ conditions, allergies, meds, etc.)

Medical Conditions

51							
52							
53							

Allergies

54							
-----------	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Prescribed Medications

55				
-----------	--	--	--	--

Implants - Donors - Others

56		
-----------	--	--

Medical Alert - Special Needs

57		<i>If your medical alert identification symbols are not found above, simply supply us the details and we'll custom imprint it.</i>
-----------	--	--

LeClasp Safety Products and Solutions:

Item #1352 - LeClasp Medical Alert Id Key Holder (Generic)

Item #1352 - LeClasp Medical Alert Id KIT. Includes #1350 identified with a Generic "See Wallet Card" Symbol (59A) on the front/back sides and, comes with two (2) Free Emergency Contact and Medical Information Wallet (#1354) and Employee Badge (#1360) size cards that workers fill in themselves. Recommended for people with more than two (2) conditions, allergies and prescribed meds.



MSG # **A B C D E F**

59					
-----------	--	--	--	--	--

1354 - Emergency Contact and Medical Information Wallet Card

<p>Emergency Wallet Card (Carte Portefeuille d'Urgence) Contact Information (Renseignements personnes à rejoindre)</p> <p>Name (Nom) & Date of Birth (de naissance):</p> <p>Emergency contacts (personnes à rejoindre en cas d'urgence): Physician (médecin) - Specialty (spécialité) - Tel. (tel.)</p> <p>1: _____ 2: _____ Family/Friend/Workplace (famille/amis/au travail) - Tel./cell. (tel./cell.)</p> <p>Medical Information (see reverse) - Renseignements Médicaux (voir verso)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Front Side Information</i></p>	<p>Emergency Wallet Card (Carte Portefeuille d'Urgence) Medical Information (Renseignements médicaux)</p> <p>Known medical conditions, all current medications (dosage), allergies, devices/implants, special needs, personal requests (Problèmes de santé connus, tous les médicaments prescrits (dosage), allergies, appareils/implants, besoins particuliers, demandes spéciales)</p> <p>Date (d/m/y): _____ Signature: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Back Side Information</i></p>
--	--

Actual Size - 1.215" X 3.375"

1360 - NEW Larger-Sized Medical Alert ID Card for Employee Badges

<p>Emergency Wallet Card (Carte Portefeuille d'Urgence) Contact Information (Renseignements personnes à rejoindre)</p> <p>Name (Nom) & Date of Birth (de naissance):</p> <p>Emergency contacts (personnes à rejoindre en cas d'urgence): Physician (médecin) - Specialty (spécialité) - Tel. (tel.)</p> <p>1: _____ 2: _____ Family/Friend/Workplace (famille/amis/au travail) - Tel./cell. (tel./cell.)</p> <p>Medical Information (see reverse) - Renseignements Médicaux (voir verso)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEDICAL ALERT ID</p>	<p>Emergency Wallet Card (Carte Portefeuille d'Urgence) Medical Information (Renseignements médicaux)</p> <p>Known medical conditions, all current medications (dosage), allergies, devices/implants, special needs, personal requests (Problèmes de santé connus, tous les médicaments prescrits (dosage), allergies, appareils/implants, besoins particuliers, demandes spéciales)</p> <p>Date (d/m/y): _____ Signature: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEDICAL ALERT ID</p>
--	---

NEW

Actual Size - 2.5" X 4.25"

- Designed to be CLIPPED ON with 1) Employee Photo ID/ Access/ Security swipe badges, or 2) when applicable, near equipment where employee works. (Also compliant with Membership/ School/Child ID/Trade Show/ Event/etc. passes & cards.)
- Worker confidentially fills in personal Contact and Medical Information
- Recommended for workers with three (3) or more issues
- Seven lines for worker to fill in medical info including conditions, allergies, prescribed meds, etc.
- Comes with bull dog hole, compliant to ALL badge holders, incl. popular retractable clip holders, polypropylene neck wallets, vinyl badge holders, neck secure and breakaway lanyards.
- Larger size card makes emergency info easily visible (accessible) beneath badges, cards and passes by medics/doctors/nurses.

This Little Piggy...

SFC DAVID ALAN MELANCON
3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division
Fort Hood, TX



Have you ever noticed most accidents happen when you least expect them? Well, there I was, just coming in from a field training exercise (FTX) and about to perform a simple task when an accident happened to me. I certainly wasn't expecting to wind up in the hospital that January day.

I'm a Bradley systems maintainer and maintenance platoon sergeant for a forward-support company. We'd just completed the FTX in preparation for a deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center and, after that, possibly Iraq. We were tired after spending 3 weeks in the field, but it was almost over—all we had left to do was clean our vehicles. At about 1700, the last of the vehicles were staged at the wash rack, so we went to work.

Everything about this day was relatively normal, with one notable exception: that morning, I'd taken my wedding ring off my dog tags and slipped it back on my left-hand ring finger. I figured since our

training was over, wearing my ring was no big deal. I say this is notable because I always wear my ring around my dog tags when I'm on duty, especially in the motor pool or in the field. I'd spent a year in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, and the only times I put on my ring were when I left for R & R leave and when my unit redeployed home. That system worked well, and thankfully I came home not only alive but with all 10 fingers!

I needed to get my wet-weather gear, which was in a shelter on the back of an LMTV trailer. I climbed on the trailer, got my things, and grabbed the right side rail for balance as I prepared to climb back down. Unfortunately, my foot slipped as I stepped on the lower bumper, and I began to fall. My hand slid down the rail as I moved toward the ground, and my ring caught in one of the U-shaped grooves used for securing canvas covers on the trailer.

I was horrified as I looked at my finger. The skin and most of

the tissue on my ring finger was completely gone, and the bone from the first joint just above my fingernail was missing. I called out to the other guys and said, among other choice words, "Hey, get a medic, get the aid bag—I've lost my finger!"

Needless to say, I was in a lot of pain. Another Soldier got a combat lifesaver bag and pulled out a pressure bandage, which I wrapped around what was left of my finger. The commanding officer dialed 911 and had a pickup truck brought off the roadway so I could sit down and take off my helmet, weapon, and vest. We were only about 4 minutes from main post, so the ambulance arrived fairly quickly and took me to the emergency room at Darnell Army Community Hospital.

The doctors there told me the damage to my finger was so extensive they didn't know if any attempted repair would work. The tissue, nerves, and vessels were torn horizontally, and reattaching my finger would require 8 to 10

hours of surgery with no guarantee of success. In fact, there was only a 20-percent chance my finger wouldn't have to be amputated even with surgery due to the nerve and vessel damage, which reduced blood circulation in the injury to zero.

I faced a tough decision. The doctors told me my best course of action would be amputation because I would have a good chance of full recovery after rehabilitation. They let me decide, however, and after talking with my wife, I gave the doctors permission to amputate. They performed surgery that night, and my finger was amputated to the first joint—ironically, at the same place my wedding ring had rested just that morning.

It's been about 2 months since the accident, and I recently started rehab. I still feel a lot of pain, not just in my hand but all the way up my arm. The doctors explained some of the ligaments and tendons in my arm were pulled during the accident, and I'll experience phantom pain the rest of my life. I've lost about half the gripping power in my hand, which isn't good since I'm left-handed. I'll have to learn how to

Giving the **Finger**

This soldier injured his pinky finger while serving in Iraq during the first year of conflict. The injury itself isn't very remarkable and he made a full recovery, but notice the ring next to the injured finger. It's never safe to wear rings or other jewelry in a field or combat environment. If the ring gets caught on something, you risk either a degloving injury (i.e., all the skin peeled off) or total amputation. Both injuries hurt a lot, so keep your ring in a safe place—not on your hand—when you're on duty.

Special thanks to LTC Roman Bilynsky, MD, who submitted this photo from his time with the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq.



write and type again, but I can shoot right-handed—a definite plus for a Soldier. My long-term prognosis is pretty good, though; the doctors tell me that after about 4 months of occupational therapy I should be back to normal.

I share this story in the hope I'll open another Soldier's eyes and prevent them from making the same mistake. The doctors predict I'll be able to deploy back to theater with my unit later this year, but I could just as easily have lost my career that winter afternoon. Believe me, I'll do everything in my power to make sure I deploy with the Soldiers I've trained because I know they need me. I think it'll be a morale booster if my Soldiers can look at me and say, "If he lost a finger and is still here with us, we can do anything."

I'll be wearing my wedding ring on my right hand from now on, but I promise you this: I'll take it off whenever I put my uniform

on, no matter what's planned that day. You never know what might happen. I survived a year in Iraq unharmed only to come home and lose my finger because I was tired and wasn't thinking straight. Stay alert and realize even the simplest of tasks can hurt you in a big way. If it can happen to me, it can happen to you too! 

Editor's note: SFC Melancon would like to thank his team of doctors, led by LTC John J. Faillace at Darnell Army Community Hospital, for their outstanding care during his hospitalization and subsequent rehabilitation. He also would like to thank the Soldiers, NCOs, and officers of Delta Company, 215th BSB and 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry for their continued support. "FIRST TEAM!"

Contact the author via e-mail at david.alan.melancon@us.army.mil.

COUNTERMEASURE 04/06 <https://cra.army.mil>

**A Finger or a Ring?
The choice is Yours.**

