

National Safety Council (NSC) Database used for this analysis has been compiled from over 230 organizations that have completed the standardized SAFETY BAROMETER survey. By broad classification of industry, the distribution of the NSC database is as follows:

general manufacturing (27%); mining (15%);
food manufacturing (14%); chemical manufacturing (10%);
electronics manufacturing (8%);
federal/state/local government (8%); public utilities (6%);
other organizations (12%)

According to the survey our leaders are saying:

“Our challenge is to constantly balance mission demands with safety.”

“Safety must be continuously emphasized from the top. . .”

“Fund it, advocate it, live it . . . every day, every mission, every theater, every Service.”

“Safety is an attitude and consists of many small actions, [and] not one action.”

“Definition of “Mission” is mission first, safety always.”

Definitions

Benchmarking – The process of comparing performance against the practices of other leading companies for the purpose of improving performance. Companies also benchmark internally by tracking and comparing current performance with past performance. (www.blinco.com)

World Class Safety – is where organizational attitude determines successful safety initiatives. Safety culture predicts performance where culture is measured and managed accordingly. Nothing is more important than getting the culture right. (Don Eckenfelder)

“DoD safety culture is average...we have a lot of work to do to become ‘World Class’.”

- Assistant Inspector General Wm. Brem Morrison

“World-class organizations do not tolerate preventable accidents.”

- Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

**I believe leadership is sincere in its efforts to ensure personnel safety*

**Appropriate safety goals are set annually by leadership*

**Leadership consistently demonstrates a positive commitment to personnel safety*

Supervisors consider safety performance when rating their personnel

**Safety being as important as mission in our Organization*

Safety funding is adequately represented in the budget process

Decreasing the DoD accident and mishap rate by 50% over the next two years is achievable

**Making truly beneficial changes in our safety environment is a high priority for leadership*

Implementing successful organizations'

“Best Practices” in safety is one of the most effective ways to bring about change

**Good cooperation exists across the Services on safety-related issues*

**Leadership has provided adequate resources to manage and support safety-related programs*

Refusal to accept that accidents and mishaps will occur in our line of work

* Benchmarked against NSC’s Database

“We need to get safety on the right vector and constantly do better.”

- Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England