

Sources of Help

which falls in categories tested in the laboratories

Engineers should be aware, however, that UL listings apply only within the scope of the tests made, and may have no bearing on performance or other factors not involved in the examination procedure. If the function of the device or material tested and listed is a safety function then, of course, the test tells the safetyman what he wants to know. UL tests are made under conditions of installation and use which conform to the appropriate standards of the NFPA. Any departure from these standards by the user himself may affect the performance qualifications found by the Underwriters' Laboratories.

Insurance Associations

In addition to insurance associations listed under "Fire Protection Organizations," there are a number of insurance federations with accident prevention departments that produce technical information available to safety engineers.

The American Association of State Compensation Insurance Funds

P O Box 5922, San Francisco, Calif 94101

The American Association of State Compensation Insurance Funds is an International organization, the members of which are the state insurance funds of 17 states, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and many of the provinces of Canada. It has a permanent Safety Committee and several times a year issues bulletins to members relating to workmen's compensation.

American Mutual Insurance Alliance

20 North Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill 60606

The American Mutual Insurance Alliance is a national organization of leading mutual property-casualty insurance companies. Its membership includes over 125 companies that safeguard the value of lives and property by providing protection against mishaps in work places and losses from fires, traffic accidents and other perils. Alliance member companies, organized by and for policyholders, have a tradition of loss prevention which dates from the organization of the first American mutual insurance company in 1752.

Through its Accident and Fire Prevention

Department, the Alliance makes a concerted effort to reduce accidents, fires, and other loss-producing incidents. Under the guidance of its loss control advisory committee, sound safety engineering, industrial hygiene, fire protection engineering, and other loss-prevention principles are promoted. Major activities include the dissemination of information on safety subjects, conduct of specialized training courses for member company personnel, sponsorship of research, cooperation in the development of safety standards, development of visual aids, and the publication of technical and promotional safety literature. A catalogue of safety materials is available without charge.

Notable among the publications issued by the department are

Safe Openings for Some Point-of-Operation Guards

Wood Working Circular Saws, Protection for Variety and Universal Types

Spreaders for Variety and Universal Saws Nip Hazards on Paper Machines

The Directory of Noise Control Services

Handbook of Organic Industrial Solvents

Judging the Fire Risk

Simplified Water Supply Testing

Tested Activities for Fire Prevention Committees

Exit Drills in the Home

Here's How—Traffic Safety Project Ideas

Commercial Driver's Code

Safety Memos for Fleet Supervisors

The Alliance cooperates extensively with trade associations, professional societies and other organizations with similar interests, such as the National Safety Council, the National Fire Protection Association, the United States of America Standards Institute, Inc., and the American Society of Safety Engineers.

American Insurance Association Engineering and Safety Department

85 John Street New York, N Y 10038

The American Insurance Association, organized January 1, 1965, is an advisory organization serving a large number of companies in the property-liability insurance field. It is a multi-line organization designed to help its members' and subscribers' com-