

# Safety a Standard at Medical Set Assembly

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The team of employees at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) Medical Set Assembly in Mechanicsburg, take safety as priority one. Through their awareness, training, practices, and teamwork they have set the standard. There have been zero lost time hours due to safety mishaps in more than one year. The 42 members have been diligent in their practices of safety, but were unaware of the goal they had achieved. "It is just normal procedures for us here," one employee said.

This is an impressive feat considering all the obstacles that could contribute to an accident. Besides the heavy equipment and constant lifting of boxes and other supplies, they also

reach in and over tri-walls to pack them. They have developed ways and equipment to make their jobs easier and safer.

Safety practices include utilizing a "close pin" device to hold the edges of a tri-wall down when packing, always wearing a safety belt when operating a forklift and keeping excess debris picked up and the passageways clear and free of tripping hazards. Anytime there is a major tasking the group gets together and decides the best way to do the job.

The Medical Set Assembly team builds a wide variety of medical sets for all services to be sent worldwide. With their vigorous schedule and deadlines to meet on a daily basis, the team achieved all their goals in a productive and safe environment.



*The Medical Set Assembly team include: (left to right) Larry Wade, Charles Allen, Mike Sedun, Richard Smith, Tim Dennis, Holly Sanders, Lisa Armstrong, Derek Smith, Tracy Boone, Deb Jacobs, Tom Gollick, Gail Howe, Jack Keiter, Colette Peterson, Earl Suhr, Jeff Qualls, Lee Sparmlack, Wayne Conrad, Ralph Bailey, Steve George and Rich Markel. Those not in photograph: Joe Lupia, Clifford Beam, Michael Broadnax, Earl Corcoran, Dale Darr, Mark Furry, Bob Hoy, Tom Johns, Benito Martinez, Marsha McElroy, Roger Miller, Joe Mrljak, Robert Paul, Lonney Repman, Doug Rotz, Dan Russell, Ed Sauls, Jeff Slade, Don Staub, Mark Stewart, Jeff Wertz.*

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