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PMA Companies White Paper Addresses Violence in the Workplace

PMA Urges Employers to Understand the Red Flags of Potential Violent Acts and Outlines How to Develop an Action Plan to Prevent Workplace Violence

Blue Bell, PA – May 2, 2011 – PMA Companies released a white paper, *Workplace Violence—Are You Vulnerable?*, that urges employers to understand how vulnerable their workplace may be to hostile acts and implement programs to both prevent violence and effectively deal with violent situations that arise. The announcement of the white paper came today at the RIMS 2011 Annual Conference in Vancouver.

“In the United States, approximately 2 million people are victims of workplace violence every year,” says Robert Bowman, author of the white paper and Corporate Risk Control Specialist, PMA Companies. “How well an organization understands their potential risk, develops a plan to respond to events and implements the appropriate measures in a crisis will impact the severity of the loss.”

Topics addressed in the white paper include:

- Eight red flags that indicate a facility may be at risk
- Ten job tasks/conditions that increase the potential for violence to occur
- Recommendations on how to develop an action plan to prevent risk, including enhancements for the employee selection process
- Key steps to designing a workplace violence prevention plan

The white paper is part of an educational series, *PMA Insights*. PMA Companies is one of the nation’s leading authorities in workers’ compensation, and has been focused on making workplaces safer for employees for 95 years.

Click [this link](#) to view the white paper.

About the PMA Companies

The PMA Companies (www.pmacompanies.com) provides risk management solutions and services, including workers’ compensation and property & casualty insurance, throughout the United States. Headquartered in Blue Bell, PA, the PMA Companies is part of Old Republic International’s family of companies. Old Republic International Corporation (NYSE: ORI) is one of the nation’s 50 largest publicly held insurance organizations.

The PMA Companies includes the PMA Insurance Group, specializing in workers’ compensation and other commercial property & casualty insurance products; PMA Management Corp. and PMA Management Corp. of New England, providing results-driven risk management services; and Midlands Management Corporation, offering program administration specializing in excess workers’ compensation and specialty casualty claims services.

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