



SAFETY ALERT # 255

“We can all learn from someone else’s experience”

To: All Frank’s locations – For Distribution and Safety Board Postings
Subject: Malaria - Fatality
Purpose: Lessons and Awareness to Prevent a Recurrence

Incident Account

Recently, an employee of Frank's International’s Angola operation contracted Falciparum malaria. Falciparum malaria is the most dangerous type of malaria which infects the red blood cells and eventually the brain and other organs. The employee had left Angola, West Africa on his normal rotation and returned to the Philippines to spend his vacation period with his family, where he became unwell. Although the employee received hospital treatment, he unfortunately did not recover.

This Safety Alert is being issued to all employees that work in areas where malaria is prevalent to be aware of the symptoms and to seek medical help immediately.

DO NOT TRY AND RIDE OUT A FEVER

Symptoms characteristic of malaria include:

- Flu like illness with fever and chills, muscle aches and headache.
- Some patients develop nausea, vomiting, coughing and diarrhea.
- Cycles of chills, fever and sweating that repeat every one, two, or three days are typical.
- There may be yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes due to the destruction of red blood cells and liver cells.

Individuals with Falciparum malaria can develop:

- Bleeding problems, shock, liver or kidney failure.
- Central nervous system problems and comas.

If in doubt, have the hospital treat you for malaria while they are carrying out tests. It is better to be treated and not need it, than to wait.

Precautions

When working as an expatriate in a country where malaria exists, it is expected that anti malaria medication is taken as prescribed.

Management in each area where malaria exists are required to make new employees and visitors aware of the dangers of malaria and ensure that they have sufficient anti malaria medication for the duration of their stay.

Management sending employees into areas where malaria exists are required to make employees aware of the dangers of malaria and provide the employee with sufficient anti malaria medication for the duration of their trip and any recommended period on their return.