PRESS RELEASE

Briarwood Products, LLC is Making Major Safety Changes to Its Correctional Facility Shank-Free Orange Product Line

Briarwood Products, LLC customers can now know when ordering cleaning tools for their Correctional Facilities they are keeping their facility safe. Don't Let Cleaning Turn Deadly

CLEVELAND, OHIO - - June 15, 2017 - - In response to extensive research of the study Improving Correctional Officer Safety: Reducing Inmate Weapons performed by Johns Hopkins Centre for Injury Research Laboratory, Briarwood Products has engineered the Briarwood Orange Shank-Free product line. The research report states, "The shank takes the place of the gun on the streets" and the objective is to eliminate the ability to do so. The findings from this study showed the most common threat faced by officers is from pointed and sharp edged weapons. The unique design uses a special rubbery plastic that will virtually eliminate the creation of shanks. The unique polymer that is used to design these products incapacitates the inmate's ability to form or reform plastic into a shank or shank handle.

Briarwood Products' mission is to provide a safe and strong quality product that will be safe for all to use. Briarwood believes that the Briarwood Shank-Free and Metal-Free Orange product line will provide a safe environment for the officers, guards, and inmates who use the cleaning tools.

Safety Managers within the correctional facilities previously began replacing metal tools (used by inmates to make "shanks") with hard plastic tools. They discovered that creative inmates were melting down the hard plastic and hand-crafting shanks. Briarwood's new tools are made from a special rubbery plastic that virtually eliminates shanks. The unique polymer used will not melt like standard hard plastics. Inmates cannot form or re-form the plastic into a new shank or shank handle. Briarwood Products Orange Shank-Free Product Line is comprised of various cleaning tools that are needed within correctional facilities. The new product line includes, scrubbing brushes, wet mop holders, dust pans, dust mop frames and handles. All of these products were designed to be safe for all to use within correctional facilities.

Since the release of these products Briarwood Products has had a surge in sales. Facilities have tested these products and have determined that they are the safest way to protect all of the officers, guards, and inmates while performing cleaning duties. These products enhance the overall security and create an environment that is safe for all to exist in.

Along with the Briarwood Orange Shank-Free product line, Briarwood Products also offers a full line of correctional and commercial cleaning tools.

To learn more about Briarwood Products and these products please visit <u>www.briarwoodproducts.com</u> or call (216)398-1107.