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our Intention"

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# Safety Partnership

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Partnerships for Safety...

## Safety Partnership News

Hazardous Condition Reporting  
**New Colour - New Design**

A Safety Partnership Working Committee is looking for volunteer companies to pilot the newly minted Hazardous Condition Report card.

User feedback will help fine tune the final look of the card.

Implementation and training will be done in Basic Safety and Supervisory classes at the IEC starting in 2006.

### WANT to PILOT this CARD?

Please contact Peter Stock at the IEC  
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## Safety Partnership February 16th Forum

Mark your calendar for this safety event of the year.

Our theme this year is  
Recognition & Celebration

### WSIB OPEN HOUSE

on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:30p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the  
Workplace Safety & Insurance  
Board Sarnia Liaison Office

Meet and greet the WSIB staff at  
their new office in the Lambton  
Shared Services Centre at the  
Bayside Mall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Reserve by Monday December  
12<sup>th</sup> with Sheila Ainsworth at:  
(519) 344-7926 or  
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## WORKER RECOGNITION AWARD

The Safety Partnership Executive has agreed that Recognition Awards should be presented to those individuals (or small groups) who have demonstrated "outstanding" safety performance/behaviour during the last year. These awards will be presented at the February 16, 2006 Safety Partnership Forum.

- Any member of the Safety Partnership can nominate an individual (or small group) within the Safety Partnership that they consider has demonstrated "outstanding" safety performance/behaviour within the last year.
- A written nomination should be submitted to the IEC no later than January 26, 2006.
- The nomination should be brief and clearly identify the following:
  1. **Who** is being nominated
  2. **What** are they being recognized for
  3. **Why** this nomination is significant
  4. **How** this safety performance/behaviour has impacted others.
- All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of Safety Partnership representatives (Labour, Contractors & Plants)
- The best nominees will be recognized at the Safety Forum on February 16, 2006.

## 50,000 CANADIANS DIE EVERY YEAR FROM SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

Today, after five years of research, the Heart and Stroke Foundation introduced revised CPR guidelines the organization hopes will drastically reduce that number.

The most important step outlined in the 2005 guidelines is increasing the ratio of chest compressions to rescue breaths: from 15 chest compressions for every two rescue breaths -- to 30 compressions for every two rescue breaths.

The foundation noted that the change was made due to studies that showed blood circulation decreased when compressions were interrupted, and time was being wasted after every interruption because it takes several compressions to build up enough pressure to begin circulating blood again.

"This is the most significant change since CPR's inception in the early 1960s," said the Foundation in a news release.

Dr. Michael Shuster, co-author of the new guidelines, called them a "Back to basics" approach to resuscitation.

"Since the 2000 guidelines, new research and information has strengthened the emphasis on effective CPR as a critically important step in helping save lives. CPR is easy to learn and easy to do, and the Foundation believes the 2005 guidelines will help increase the number of people able to perform effective CPR."

But while the guidelines recommend a simpler approach for the public, they recommend some high-tech advancements for emergency professionals, including the cooling of cardiac arrest patients for 12 to 24 hours to about 32 degrees Celsius. Studies have shown that this cooling can improve survival and brain function for those who fell into comas after the initial resuscitation.

### OTHER GUIDELINE CHANGES INCLUDE:

1. Continuing to encourage greater access to AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) in public locations like airports, casinos, and sports facilities.
2. Recommending health-care providers minimize interruptions to CPR when performing heart rhythm checks, inserting airway devices, and administering drugs.
3. The introduction of a 20-minute CPR lesson researchers say will be as effective as more complex four hour courses.
4. Changing the sequence of heart rhythm analysis and CPR when using defibrillators. Before, three shocks could be delivered before CPR was recommended, resulting in delays of 37 seconds or more. Now, after one shock, the new guidelines recommend that rescuers provide about two minutes of CPR, beginning with chest compressions, before activating the defibrillators.

## December is:

1. World AIDS Day Dec 1<sup>st</sup>
2. International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec. 3)
3. National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Dec. 6
4. National Safe Driving Week

### National Safe Driving Week

December 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2005

The Canada Safety Council is urging all drivers to "choose a safe way home" for this year's theme. The Council encourages family and friends to get involved in planning a safe way home for their loved ones when they have been drinking alcoholic beverages.

### Safe Driving Week

