

Safety Partnership



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SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

Sub-committees presented their reports at the June 24th Safety Partnership Executive meeting. Several "Action" items were generated from these reports. One group that needs assistance is the proposed working committee to develop ways of recognizing the excellent safety performers here in Sarnia-Lambton. It is a basic Behaviour Based Safety principal to identify at risk behaviours, but also to equally recognize and reward safe behaviours. So we are looking for ideas on how to recognize excellent performers.

Paul Therriault presented upgrades to the Safety Management Assessment program. This upgrade features the Performance Indicators that were developed by Sheila Bailey earlier in the spring. A new draft incorporating feedback received at the Executive meeting will be presented at the July 8th Safety Partnership Steering Committee. Tom Hennessey presented an overview of a proposed Supervisory program that will replace the existing "green book" test currently being used at the IEC. Piloting of this program will take place in August prior to a fall introduction

Paul Healy presented a report endorsed at a special meeting of the Sarnia Construction Association, which recommended that the CSAO Supervisory Training Program be accepted as the minimum standard. A phase in over three years was recommended as part of the minimum standard. Continued efforts are being aimed at special case situations such as shutdowns where temporary foremen are used extensively. Contact Paul Healy or Tom Hennessey for more details



SHOWING TWO PIECES OF ID
IS WHAT TIGGERS DO BEST!

VALIDATION OF PERSONAL ID

Since March 1st, workers who receive their IEC photo ID cards have been required to show two pieces of identification. One piece must be a photo ID. We want to thank you all for being patient with us as we adopt this security measure.

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HOW TO PUBLICIZE SLOGAN?

The Safety Partnership Steering Committee recently voted for this slogan. IEC staff shirts will feature this new slogan starting this month. If you have any ideas regarding the use of this slogan, please don't hesitate to contact Peter at bbs@sarniasafety.com

COOL TOOLBOX TOPICS?

This subject keeps emerging from my "One on One" interviews with local contractors. A local company uses a website called: www.toolboxtopics.com and has found it to be an excellent source!



Lambton Safe Community Council hosts the Safe Communities' National Conference in October 2003. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this premier safety event October 22nd, 23rd and 24th!

SAFETY BULLETIN FROM CABOT CANADA

Submitted by Harry Pozdyk Jr.
(W.A.T.C.H. Facilitator)

I'm the BBS Facilitator for Cabot Sarnia and we experienced a Recordable that I thought we might share with the Safety Partnership. A contractor was grinding metal and when he lifted his face shield to check his work, the grit/ rust slid off his shield, onto his hardhat and into his eye. We looked for a solution to this and may have found one at our sister plant in Ville Platte, Louisiana. They purchased some peel and stick magnetic strips and placed them on the hardhat brim. The contractors in our Louisiana facility swear by them and we will try them out here as well. We ordered a 100-foot roll of magnetic tape from a local safety supplier, but these magnetic strips may be available at larger retailers as well. Another suggestion came from LamSar that involved a different style face shield with a larger lip to prevent material from sliding.

We wanted to take this opportunity, in the spirit of the Safety Partnership to share the learning from this incident. Further comments or questions may be directed to: Harry_Jr_Pozdyk@Cabot-corp.com

PROFILE OF THE MONTH



CHARLOTTE COOPER

Charlotte Cooper's Safety Partnership duties have included, since December 2001, the inputting of all Behaviour Based Safety monthly summary data into graphing software. She produces the graphs and gets them ready for Peter to send to over three hundred companies. Charlotte does all of this with a cheery smile and a willing attitude that makes it a pleasure to have her on the Safety Partnership team. Other Partnership duties involve sending out all Safety Partnership Committee meeting minutes and managing the accounting for the Industrial Educational Cooperative.

YOU MUST BE CLEAN-SHAVEN!

A notice to respirator fit-test customers is being posted on the IEC website. This is to advise companies about a change of policy that might cost them extra money if their employee arrives at the IEC unshaven. There will be a five-dollar charge back to the contractor PLUS the cost of a razor. Too much time is being spent by instructors waiting for workers to shave before their fit-test. The facial hair policy is on the website and shows quite clearly the expectations that our industry clients have with respect to being clean-shaven for a fit test. See www.sarniasafety.com/facial_hair_policy.htm for complete details.



When I'm working in the yard, is it safe to drink out of the garden hose? The answer is No. The water is safe, but a standard vinyl garden hose has a substance in it to keep it flexible. These chemicals which may be absorbed by the water as it goes through the hose, are not good for you. They are not good for animals or pets, either, so filling drinking containers out of a garden hose is not a good idea unless the water is allowed to run a while to flush the hose before using the water. These hoses are made for washing the car, watering the lawn and other typical garden uses. However, one type of hose on the market is made with a "food-grade" plastic that is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration and will not contaminate the water. Campers with recreational vehicles should use this type of hose when hooking up to a drinking water tap at a campsite. Check with a store that sells accessories for recreational vehicles. Even a well-flushed vinyl hose or a food-grade plastic hose can cause problems, however. The outside thread opening at the end could be covered with chemicals or germs from a previous use. Some children in Florida became sick after filling water bottles from a hose that had been used to wash garbage cans. There is also the risk that chemicals or poisons can be sucked back into the hose, through back flow, and then re-released. Take care this summer!