

"Prevention is our Intention"

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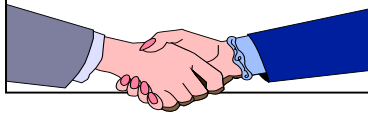
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# Safety Partnership



Zero incidents by choice through Partnerships for Safety...

## SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

### Safety Partnership Working Committees

Committees have been assigned to four different subject areas.

- 1) Reducing Tolerance for Risk
- 2) Young/ new worker safety.
- 3) Internal Responsibility System
- 4) Progressive Discipline

Meetings are currently ongoing with results expected over the next month or two. We are appreciative of the extra effort involved in taking on this additional workload by our volunteers.

## 444 Supervisors

As of May 30<sup>th</sup> 2004, more than 444 supervisors have been trained in the new IEC Supervisory Program.

## YOUNG WORKER SAFETY

**FACT:** MORE YOUNG PEOPLE DIE OF INJURIES THAN ALL OTHER CAUSES COMBINED

**FACT:** SIX TIMES more injuries happen to young people in their first month than any other time on the job.

**FACT:** OVER TWO THIRDS of young workers have never received a safety training manual for their job.

**FACT:** OVER HALF of young workers have received no safety training for new tasks.

**FACT:** THERE IS AN ANTIDOTE Passport to Safety has a Website with lots of information and personal stories that will help your teen stay safe at their summer job.

[www.passporttosafety.ca](http://www.passporttosafety.ca)

## DANGER MEN COOKING!

WHERE THERE IS SMOKE, THERE ARE PROBABLY MEN COOKING HAMBURGERS!



....GOT THE GLOVES, THE GOGGLES, THE NOMEX AND I'M TAPED OFF AND READY TO GO!

MAY 30<sup>th</sup>  
to  
JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>

NATIONAL SUN  
AWARENESS  
WEEK

JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>  
to  
JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>

NATIONAL  
WATER  
SAFETY WEEK

## SAFETY PARTNERSHIP REPORT CARD

A TRIR of 1.6 is encouraging news for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2004. Part of this report shows zero injuries for March. Much effort is needed to sustain this achievement.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER RESULTS

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|--------------------------------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recordables | 6  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lost Times  | 0  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aids  | 68 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Near Misses | 27 |

## THE IEC's NEW LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO SUPERVISORY TRAINING!

Last chance before we break for July-August to enroll in our leadership courses! Seats are still available in the following sessions:

- Interaction Management Essentials - June 16/04, 8:00-4:00, \$250/person + GST (foundation course for others in the Leadership Development series)
- Supporting Leadership Development - June 23/04, 8:00-2:00, \$200/person + GST (for supervisors or managers of leaders being trained)

All sessions are held in the Business & Industry Centre, Lambton College. For further information or to register: Click on People Skills, Leadership, and Workforce Development on our website: [www.sarniasafety.com](http://www.sarniasafety.com)

Contact Shelley Brown, People Skills Coordinator, phone: 383-7025, e-mail [shelleyb@sarniasafety.com](mailto:shelleyb@sarniasafety.com), or fax: 383-1305.

### Ministry of Labour's New Occupational Exposure Limits

The MOL has adopted a new system for updating the Occupational Exposure Limits for over 700 hazardous substances in the workplace.

In addition, the MOL placed more restrictive limits on four substances:

Maganese, Benzene, Carbon Monoxide and 1,3 Butadiene

The Time Weighted Average Exposure Value for Benzene will be reduced from 1 PPM over an eight hour day to .5 PPM by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2005.

For more information: [www.gov.on.ca](http://www.gov.on.ca) [www.gov.on.ca](http://www.gov.on.ca)



## Microwaves Should Warn of Exploding Eggs:

British Medical Journal, London: Doctors say microwave ovens should display clear warnings about the dangers of exploding eggs. A nine-year-old girl suffered serious eye injuries when she reheated a boiled egg in the microwave and it blew up in her face.

They said the previously boiled egg had an intact shell and was microwaved at full power for about 40 seconds. The egg exploded 30 seconds later as she was carrying it to the dining area.

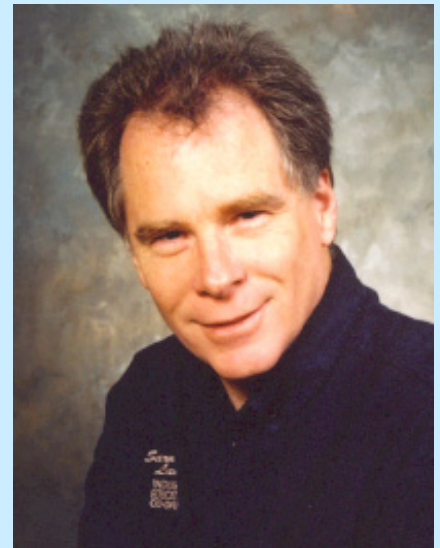
Parts of the egg pierced the cornea and ruptured the lens of her eye, reducing her vision until operations repaired the damage.

Eggs explode after pressure builds up inside. Microwave instruction manuals warn people not to cook or reheat eggs in the shell and to pierce the membrane several times before cooking or heating, to give the pressure a way to escape.

"In view of the potential seriousness of injury from exploding microwaved eggs, such warnings should be made more obvious, possibly being displayed on the microwave oven itself," wrote eye specialist Dr. Goyal of Queen Mary's Hospital in Kent.

Even pierced eggs can explode when cooked in a microwave, they said. The researchers cited a 2001 review of the medical literature that found 13 cases of injuries, mostly burns, from microwaved eggs.

### WHAT'S NEW AT THE IEC



#### PETER STOCK Coordinator of Best Practices

Peter Stock will be taking the place of Paul Therriault as Coordinator for the Safety Management Assessment Program.

Paul Therriault has accepted a short-term assignment as Health and Safety Manager for Sarnia's TransAlta Regional Cogeneration Plant.

Peter will continue to be responsible for BBS, TASC, Near Miss Reporting and Root Cause Analysis as well as continuing his role with the Supervisory Training class.

Please contact Peter at [bbs@sarniasafety.com](mailto:bbs@sarniasafety.com) for any issues involving these Best Practices.

The IEC Management and Staff would like to welcome **Sarah Wicks** to our staff for the summer. Sarah is a first year student at Wilfred Laurier University taking a combined major in Anthropology and Global Studies with a Business Administration option. She is assisting our staff with training program documentation and organization.