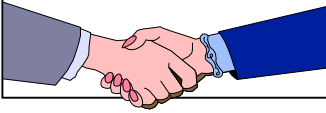


Safety Partnership



Zero incidents by choice through Partnerships for Safety...

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TOTAL RECORDABLE INJURY RATE GOES UP!

The second quarter T.R.I.R. statistics are in and they have dramatically reversed our downward trend to zero! This is an opportunity to discover how and why we have strayed from our enviable T.R.I.R. of 1.0 in the last quarter of 2002. We had 31 recordables in the second quarter of 2002 alone! Currently we have recorded forty-four recordables year-to-date. This safety performance is unacceptable to Industry, Labour and Contractors.

In the spirit of the Safety Partnership, we propose to work together, gather information and look for any trends that occur with these injuries. This will allow us to effectively introduce an intervention plan that allows everyone to go home safe.

This would be an ideal time to share with us your Root Cause Analysis results to enable us to plan for zero injuries.

Safety Partnership initiatives such as the pre-job safety analysis card called T.A.S.C. as well as Near-miss Reporting and Root Cause Analysis are tools that, if used effectively, will once again make Sarnia-Lambton the safest place in Canada to work.

T.A.S.C. REVIEW

A T.A.S.C. Review was held on Monday June 10th 2002. We had good representation from the various participants of the pilot projects. A new version of the T.A.S.C. card has been circulated and revisions have been completed. The changes to the card do not change how the card is used. Only small changes that make the card more user-friendly are being considered. The Safety Partnership Steering Committee is recommending the card be used valley-wide starting in the fall.



Local companies are being assessed for hearing-loss claims from employees who have not worked in their facility for many years. Hearing loss is so gradual, you may not notice until it is too late!

Protect yourself. Don't miss being able to listen to the joy in your grandchild's voice.

CONTRACTOR HEALTH and SAFETY PROFILE

As of Aug 1st, twenty-seven companies have participated by completing a Health and Safety Profile. This Safety Management Assessment tool recognizes and documents safety programs.

A copy of this document is available from our website at:

www.sarniasafety.com

- 1) AITEC Inc.
- 2) B&D Insulation
- 3) Brandon Contractors
- 4) C&C Construction Group
- 5) CH Heist
- 6) CEDA Mechanical
- 7) CEDA Reactors Ltd
- 8) Chalmers Construction
- 9) Chemfab Industries
- 10) Christopher Electric
- 11) Cope Construction
- 12) Cosar Contractors
- 13) Dixin Construction
- 14) DMW Electrical
- 15) Eveready
- 16) GLIS (A division of Glascar)
- 17) HD Services
- 18) Hepta Systems Inc
- 19) Kel-Gor Ltd.
- 20) Klompstra Construction
- 21) LamSar
- 22) Safety Kleen Sarnia
- 23) Sarnia Wolverine
- 24) Steeplejack Services
- 25) TJ Industrial & Electrical
- 26) TREL of Sarnia Ltd
- 27) Vesuvius Canada

STAY COOL

THIS SUMMER!

Canada Post has been experimenting with a "Collar Bandana" that goes under the shirt collar or wear as a headband. When soaked in cold water for 30 minutes, it stays cool for up to two days, and is reusable. Post Office staff found them to be very effective in combating heat stress during the most recent heat wave. These can be ordered through Windsor Factory Supply.

For information or registration please visit us on the:

WORLD WIDE WEB

www.sarniasafety.com

If you need to find out when specialty courses are being offered, how to contact Industrial Educational Cooperative staff or what's new in Pre-job Safety, just log-on to our website. Please offer suggestions on how our website can be improved or what you would like to see included. We are continuously improving the features and content of our site. We would appreciate your comments.

APOLLO ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS TRAINING

The Safety Partnership agreed to use an investigative tool for all recordable incidents that took place after March 1st 2002. The sharing of "Effective Solutions" will make for a safer work environment for all employees. Please call the Industrial Educational Cooperative if you need assistance in facilitating a Root Cause investigation. We would like to receive the results from any investigations so that we may learn from their solutions. There are many ways to share these through news bulletins, this newsletter and the website.

A two-day training class for facilitators has been scheduled for September 17th and 18th. Call Bill Sisler at 383-7025 for details or e-mail at: billsisler@sarniasafety.com

***Have a safe and
happy summer
holiday!***

INJURY REPORTS

Preliminary findings from our local injury reports have indicated that hand-injuries accounted for more than TWENTY-FIVE percent of all injuries in the workplace. Many of these were cuts to employees wearing gloves! Workers need to be extra cautious when dealing with sheet metal and insulating materials. When we can't **eliminate** the hazard, we need to be very clear on the type of glove that can **control** this hazard. Recognizing potential hazards, ensuring proper procedures are followed, and making sure workers are wearing the appropriate gloves for the job is a key step to ensuring hand safety. By empowering workers to take action to ensure their own safety, we hope to once again see a trend towards zero.

Tips for Hand Protection

1. Be alert to possible unguarded pinch points.
2. Always use push-sticks, guards, shields, and other protective devices when appropriate. Do not remove guards.
3. Use brushes to wipe away debris.
4. Disconnect power and follow established lockout procedures before repairing or cleaning machinery.
5. Never wear gloves, jewelry, or loose clothing when working with moving machine parts.
6. Use the *appropriate* personal protective equipment--gloves, guards, forearm cuffs, barrier creams--for the specific task you are performing.
7. When wearing gloves, be sure they fit properly and are rated for the specific task you are performing.

Taken from the Pennsylvania Memorial Website: