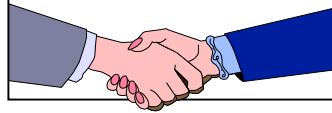


# Safety Partnership



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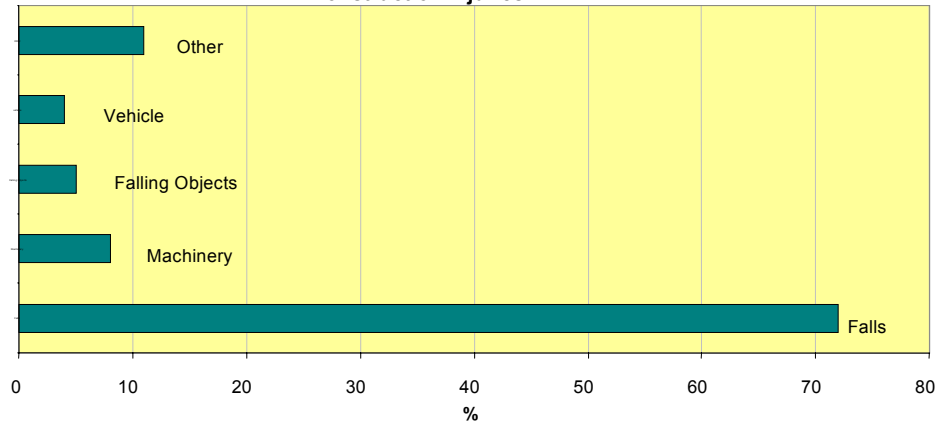
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**Construction Injuries**



## **CONSTRUCTION INJURIES IN ONTARIO**

Falls were responsible for more than 70% of the construction injuries reported in the Ontario Trauma Injury Bulletin. Thirty-three percent of falls were on or from ladders or scaffolding. Falling from or out of buildings or other structures accounted for 29%. The second leading group of causes was incidents caused by machinery at 8%. Clearly falling continues to be a significant risk for construction workers today. Of the 297 cases 99% were male and the average age was 39 years. On average these workers stayed in the lead trauma hospital for fourteen days for treatment of fractures of the vertebral column and face bones.



## **T.A.S.C. and NEAR MISS**

The Safety Partnership has approved the use of the Pre-Job Safety Analysis and Near-miss Reporting cards throughout the Chemical Valley. T.A.S.C./ Pre-job Safety Analysis has proven to significantly reduce injuries when properly implemented. The rollout of these programs is scheduled for January 2003. Some companies may request T.A.S.C. and Near-miss training to be completed by contractors for the New Year. This can be arranged by calling Jean at 337-5935. T.A.S.C. and Near-miss Reporting cards may be purchased from the I.E.C. by calling Jean or Peter at 337-1716. The Safety Partnership has developed a plan to introduce these programs over the next few months. This introduction needs to happen in three areas. Training must be delivered to Industry, Labour and Contractors in an effective cost efficient way. The training will clearly identify the role of management, supervisors and workers so that these programs will be effective. Pre-job Safety Analysis Card programs in the West has shown that an effective Pre-job Safety Analysis Card reduced injuries by over fifty percent in the first year.

# Lambton SAFE Community Council

The Lambton Safe Community Council will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7pm Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2003 at the Clearwater Arena. Safety Recognition Awards will be presented. Further information will be coming soon!

## 2003 SAFE COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2003  
Plans are underway for the Lambton Safe Community Council to host this National event. Mark your calendar now. You won't want to miss it!



deer vs van on highway 403 Nov 19th

### DEER CROSSING ALERT

The majority of car-deer collisions occur during the months of October through December. The photo above is the result of a collision on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> east of Brantford on hwy 403. Average amount of damage to a vehicle is in the neighbourhood of \$2000.00-often with serious injury or death to the occupants.

In Michigan there were more than 68,000 reported car-deer collisions for a one-year period. That's more than 180 collisions per day! Most collisions occur between 6pm and midnight on rural two-lane roads. However deer are found in highly populated areas as well. Consider the following tips from the Michigan State Police:

- 1) Stay alert and slow down in areas that are marked with deer crossing signs.
- 2) If you see one, expect there will be others and slow down.
- 3) Do not swerve to avoid striking a deer, it is better to strike the deer than another vehicle or fixed object.
- 4) Continually scan the fields and adjacent areas for deer.
- 5) Use high beams when no traffic is approaching. They will illuminate the eyes of deer much sooner, allowing greater reaction time.

Hunters I spoke with were convinced that deer whistles installed on their vehicles were effective in avoiding car-deer collisions. There seems to be some differing opinions as to whether research supports this. After being involved in a car-deer collision myself, that resulted in \$6000.00 damage to our van, I may err on the side of caution and install the deer whistles and any other precautions I can find!

### HOME FOR DINNER

Our Library will loan the new video produced for Dow Chemical called "Home for Dinner". It features interviews with local employees and children about the impact of injuries on families. Call the I.E.C. at 383-1222

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## HEALTH & SAFETY PROFILES

As of December 1<sup>st</sup> nine more companies had their Health and Safety Profile verified.

- 1) A&W Locksmith
- 2) AMEC
- 3) Clyde Steel
- 4) Cynatime
- 5) Imperial Roofing
- 6) Industrial Trades Group
- 7) Markson Construction
- 8) Precision Concepts Group
- 9) Willer Engineering

Two new companies have submitted their Health and Safety Profile for verification.

- 1) Upright Door
- 2) Latta Crane Services

Fifty-seven companies to date, being proactive in their Safety Management Assessment; companies that have taken a close look at their policies and are mapping a plan for improvement in areas where there is a need. Congratulations on their efforts!

## NEWS AROUND ONTARIO

Peter Stock, a Safety Partnership representative, was invited to talk about the Behaviour Based Safety Program in Windsor last month. St. Mary's Cement in Windsor have decided to follow the lead of their Sarnia facility and get involved with this proactive safety initiative.

The Hamilton Construction Association is offering our Behaviour Based Safety Program in Hamilton with our first class tentatively scheduled for February 28 2003. Wendy Moore Spors of the HCA has been instrumental in helping us prove that what we do in Lambton County can work anywhere in Ontario or the world! We recently delivered a slide presentation to the Construction Association of Ontario's Labour-Management Health and Safety Committee in Hamilton the development and implementation of our generic BASIC Safety course offered through the I.E.C.