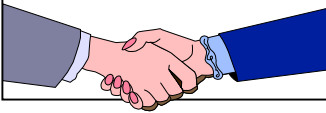


Safety Partnership



Zero incidents by choice through Partnerships for Safety...

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2003!

On behalf of the Safety Partnership I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year! We have seen some great progress over the last twelve months and more great things are in store for 2003. The priorities for this coming year will be to roll out the TASC and Near-miss Reporting programs to all contractors. This training will be made available at contractor sites, at industry sites and through Labour Organizations. T.A.S.C. and Near-miss Reporting training has also been incorporated into the Basic Safety Orientation programs offered at the Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Educational Cooperative. Effective well-managed programs will significantly reduce injuries. Let's make 2003 the year when everyone goes home safe!

Safety Partnership Forum Thursday February 13th

The Safety Partnership will host our annual Safety Event at the Euro-Can Hotel on London Road next month. This event features presentations and a guest speaker who will address the topic of "Internal Responsibility System in the Workplace".

ONTARIO TRAUMA BULLETIN REPORT

Of the nearly 3500 injuries recorded in 2000/2001, more than 93% were non-work related. The average age of the injured person was 42 years. Seventy percent of those injured were male. Length of stay in the lead trauma hospital was 16 days. An alarming 15% of these people died in emergency or in the hospital. We have been concentrating on reducing workplace injuries through safety training and awareness programs. Our hope is that this work-related training will become part of our overall "safety culture". We can then expect to see a reduction in non-work-related injuries and fatalities as well.

Next time you tackle a project away from your work place, think about using your Pre-job Safety Analysis and Behaviour Based Safety Observation skills. Use your safety glasses, work boots and other safety equipment. Set good examples for your children by wearing hearing protection when cutting the lawn or operating a saw. Don't become a statistic. Be a safety professional both at work and away from the job-site too.

TRAINING UPDATE

Basic Safety Orientation at the Industrial Educational Co-op has a new look for 2003! A committee has reviewed the course material and test questions and developed a new version of Basic Safety training. TASC and Near-Miss Reporting material has been incorporated. A new hazard awareness video is now included in this package.

Lambton SAFE Community Council

The Lambton Safe Community Council will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7pm Thursday January 23rd 2003 at the Clearwater Arena.

2003 SAFE COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

October 22nd, 23rd and 24th 2003

Plans are underway for the Lambton Safe Community Council to host this event.

WORKING in the COLD

Working in cold environments can be dangerous. Prolonged exposure to freezing or cold temperatures can result in health hazards such as frostbite and hypothermia. Danger signs include uncontrolled shivering, slurred speech, clumsy movements, fatigue and confused behaviour. Call for help if these signs are observed. Some cold weather tips:

- 1) Use buddy system -Work in pairs so that one worker can recognize danger signs.
- 2) Drink warm sweet beverages (sugar water, sports-type drinks) and avoid caffeine in drinks (coffee, tea, soft drinks or hot chocolate) and alcohol.
- 3) Eat warm, high-calorie foods such as hot pasta
- 4) Workers face increased risks when they take certain medications, are in poor physical condition or suffer from diabetes, hypertension or heart disease.

W.S.I.B. VISITS SARNIA

On December 19th, Marianne Levitsky and two staff members of the W.S.I.B. spent the day with representatives of the Safety Partnership. Included in the agenda were a history of the Industrial Educational Co-op and a presentation of the programs and initiatives that have been implemented by the Safety Partnership. They were very appreciative and impressed with the warm hospitality they received from all the Safety Partnership members they met. They were impressed with the quality of the programs we are developing and beginning to implement. The Safety Partnership model was cited as clear evidence of the close cooperative environment that has been created with Industry, Labour and Contractors. This Partnership was seen to be a very unique association not seen anywhere else in Canada. We were pleased that the WSIB took the time and effort to visit us here in Sarnia-Lambton and look forward to working with them in the future.

MAYOR'S HONOUR LIST

The 2002 Honour list selected by Mayor Mike Bradley reflects community involvement by citizens or groups who "desire a better community". Included in this list were:

Sarnia Building Trades (representing labour) and the Sarnia Construction Association (representing contractors).

These two organizations are recognized for "achieving national recognition for their achievements in working together, business and labour, in apprentice programs, safety and skills training". Congratulations to these two groups for their achievement!



SAFETY PARTNERSHIP SLOGAN- LOGO CONTEST

The Safety Partnership is looking for a slogan and a logo to identify ourselves as we approach our second anniversary in February. Contest details will be announced at the Safety Partnership Forum being held Thursday Feb. 13th. The Safety Partnership consists of equal representation from Industry, Labour and Contractors. The Ministry of Labour and the WSIB have identified the Safety Partnership as being a unique alliance within the province and Canada as well. The Safety Partnership has a vision statement that reads: "Zero Incidents by choice through partnerships for safety will demonstrate our commitment to our employees and families". The Partnership needs a logo and a slogan to identify and celebrate our achievements and goals.

Register on-line!

Simplify the scheduling of classes by visiting us at:

www.sarniasafety.com

You can register anytime day or night. We will confirm in the morning by fax machine.

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Have a Safe and Happy 2003!