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# Safety Partnership



Zero incidents by choice through  
Partnerships for Safety...

## Front Page News

**Contractor Pre-approval:** IEC staff has been working with local Plants on a unified contractor pre-approval process that will reduce the duplication of paperwork in the pre-bid process. Further meetings and presentations are scheduled.

**Our Energy Lock-out** working group is now participating with the Province on this initiative and we have high hopes that an effective solution that meets local concerns will be developed.

**Confined Space/ Safety Watch:** A joint working group has been identified to look at all aspects of this procedure including definitions, training and issues associated with gas testing and rescue.

## New Supervisory Course Designed

IEC staff is preparing to introduce a new Supervisory course with official roll-out scheduled for the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> 2007. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> version of this popular course.

**2004** classes looked at the Supervisor's role with respect to local Best Practices, completed two assessment surveys and answered 27 questions from the Green Book.

**2005** classes learned about Coaching, Communicating and giving and receiving feedback and answered 12 questions from the Green Book.

**2006** classes were updated on local Best Practices, learned how to engage and motivate workers, examined Generational Differences in the workplace, completed a self assessment supervisory survey and were instructed in the Green Book.

For **2007** we have an exciting program planned for the more than 1000 supervisors that take this course each year.

What's happening at the IEC?  
Come Grow With Us!



The Safety Partnership recognized that the IEC training centre at 252 Chippewa Street is no longer big enough for its current workload and that a new location must be chosen.

This new location had to meet a number of criteria including better parking, good proximity to contractors and to be of sufficient size to allow for future expansion as needed.

The Safety Partnership hope to announce this new location by the end of April with a tentative move scheduled before the end of the year.

**Ontario Asbestos Abatement Training Requirement in Effect November 1<sup>st</sup> 2007**

Section 20 of Ontario Regulation 278/05 Designated substance-asbestos on construction projects and in buildings and repair operations, pursuant to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, will come into force November 1, 2007.

Section 20 requires that employers ensure that every worker involved in a Type 3 operation has successfully completed the Asbestos Abatement Worker Training Program approved by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU); and that every supervisor involved in a Type 3 operation has successfully completed the Asbestos Abatement Supervisor Training Program also approved by the MTCU.

**For more information contact:** Ministry of Labour at: (416) 326-7770;

**website:** <http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/index.html>

**Access the regulation at:**

[http://www.elaws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/050278\\_e.htm](http://www.elaws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/050278_e.htm)

IEC staff member Jamie Cockerham, has been working with a Ministry of Labour consultant group as they developed this new training program for Type 3 Removal.

**APRIL IS:**

**Month-long observances**

- Alcohol Awareness Month
- National Cancer Month
- Counseling Awareness Month
- Humor Month
- National Occupational Therapy Month
- National Public Health Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- National STD Awareness Month
- Youth Sports Safety Month

**Week-long observances**

- 23-29 Global Road Safety Week (UN)

**One-day observances**

- April 7<sup>th</sup> World Health Day
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Day of Mourning

**May 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> is NAOSH WEEK**

**Focus on Transportation Safety**

Motor vehicle collisions are the greatest single cause of traumatic workplace fatalities in Ontario. Between 2000 and 2005, motor vehicle collisions were responsible for 199 work-related deaths, accounting for more than 30 per cent of all work-related traumatic fatalities in the province

Launched in June 1997, the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) is the lead organization, in partnership with:

- 1) The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health & Safety (CCOHS)
- 2) Labour Program of the Human Resources Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) and the
- 3) American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE).

**Let us know what your organization is doing to promote Health and Safety in your workplace!**

When people neglect to brush their teeth or floss, bacteria accumulate between the teeth.



**A Dentist Could Save Your Life!**

These bacteria can make their way into the blood stream. "Certain bacteria present in the mouth may be related to clogging up the arteries by contributing to the plaque that builds on the walls of the arteries," said New York University oral microbiologist Walter Bretz.

Treating gum disease, or periodontal disease, can improve the long-term function of endothelial cells that line blood vessel walls, according to a study conducted by researchers at the University of Connecticut Health Center. With better performing endothelial cells, plaques that cause heart disease will decrease, diminishing the risk of triggering a heart attack.

The authors of the study, detailed in the March 1 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, estimate that severe periodontitis affects up to 1 percent of adults in the U.S., and as many as 80 percent of adults have some form of periodontal disease.