

"Prevention is
our Intention"

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Zero incidents by choice through
Partnerships for Safety...

IEC/ WSIB Research Project: Phase I Results

(Partners with the WSIB, CSAO and COCA)

Ontario Construction: 21% less injuries between 1998 and 2007
IEC local construction: 64% less injuries between 1998 and 2007
IEC local construction reduced Lost Time Injuries by 72% since 2004

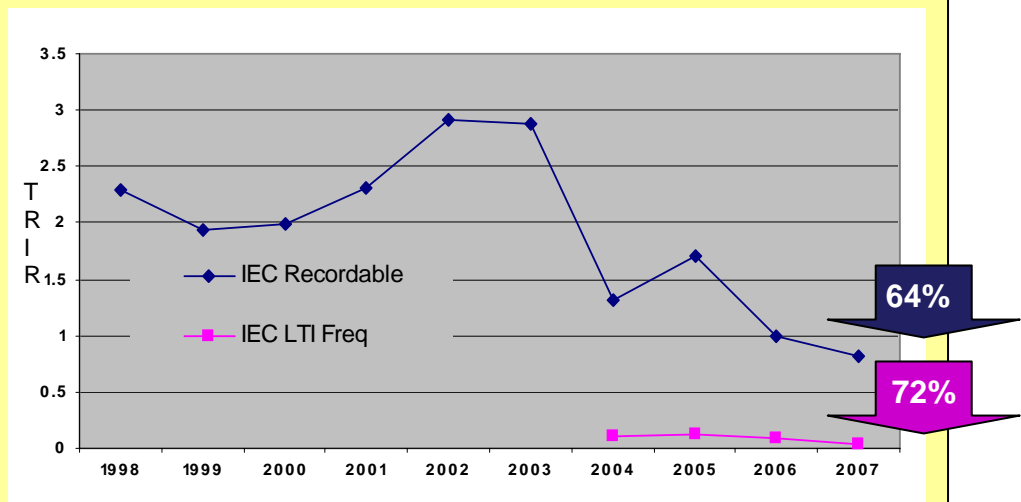
ONTARIO vs. IEC

Recordable Injuries:

1998 to 2007: IEC is 5 to 11 times safer than Ontario construction.

Lost Time Injuries:

2004 to 2007: IEC is 23 to 72 times safer than Ontario construction.



TRIR: A recordable injury is an injury that requires medical treatment such a stitch or a prescription, but does not result in time off work. This Recordable Injury Rate is the number of these kinds of injuries per 200,000 hours worked.

IEC OFFERS H2S ALIVE: Hydrogen Sulphide Training

The IEC is partnering with Petrochem Training Solutions to offer H2S Alive.

This full day course introduces the physical properties of H2S, how to recognize it, its health hazards, and initial response strategy using a case study. Participants will learn about the types of approved breathing apparatus, how to inspect & operate an SCBA effectively. (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)

They will also learn about the types of detecting and monitoring equipment and the different measurement scales and exposure limits for H2S. The course also reviews basics of CPR and rescue breathing, and allows the students to participate in lift-and-drag rescue techniques.

A certificate (valid for three years) is issued by Enform once confirmation that the student has successfully demonstrated the practical skills and completed the written exam has been received.

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240 Companies Surveyed

IEC staff has recently completed a survey of 240 local contracting companies looking for evaluations in two areas:

- 1) Effectiveness of IEC Supervisory training
- 2) Effectiveness of local best practices on injury reduction

Thirty companies have agreed to participate in follow-up interviews.

We are interested in your views on how you would introduce the "Sarnia model" to another community.

A Couple of Questions:

- 1) What programs, polices, best practices would you implement?
- 2) What order would you see these being introduced into a community to replicate the success we have had reducing injuries locally?

More results will be available as we complete Phase II of this WSIB/ IEC/ COCA/ CSAO Research Project.

Safety Training Standards Team

This team has been meeting weekly since June and have recently had their efforts recognized and approved by the IEC Executive Committee.

Subject Matter Experts will develop two courses for approval in the coming months:

- 1) **Asbestos Awareness**
- 2) **Fall Arrest**

A template for standard & course development will be designed for use by the Subject Matter Expert Teams.

Thanks to all involved in this project including these regulars:

Nancy Faessen.....SUNCOR
Chuck Mills.....NOVA
Paul Spearman.....IOL
Jack Sherman.....Chemfab
Charlie Webb.....Anderson Webb
Ron Mombourquette.....ALUMA

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HEALTH NOTE:

Brushing your teeth regularly has been shown to prevent heart disease.

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

(It's all Greek to me)

The abbreviation Xmas for the word Christmas is of Greek origin. Since the word for Christ in the Greek language is Xristos, which starts with the letter "X," they started putting the X in place of Christ and came up with the short form for the word Christmas.

Have a **SAFE & HAPPY** Christmas

TOP 12: SUPERVISORY SURVEY RESULTS to DATE (Apr to Dec 2008)

This survey of more than 450 supervisors ranked elements of our local safety programs as to their contribution to superior safety performance

NOTE: Maximum score for each element would be 5.0

1) A culture of safety within your contracting company	4.26
2) A culture of safety within the member clients sites	4.23
2) Tool Box Talks	4.23 (TIED)
4) Safety meetings	4.20
5) T.A.S.C. cards (pre-job safety card)	4.06
6) Root Cause Analysis of incidents and accidents	3.95
7) A culture of safety within your building trades organization	3.88
7) CSAO Supervisory training program	3.86
9) Near Miss or Hazardous Condition Reporting	3.86 (TIED)
10) IEC Supervisory training	3.81
11) Observation Based Safety	3.74
12) Safety Management Assessments	3.59

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The collection of this information is one part of Phase II of our IEC/WSIB Research project. In addition we have recently completed the surveying of 240 local contractors for their input on our local best practices. A Final Report will be written with implementation recommendations in early 2009.

DATES/ EVENTS IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

- Wed Dec 3, 2008 Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Safety Council/ MOL meeting
- Wed Dec 10, 2008 Extreme Weather Working Group
- Tue Dec 16, 2008 Process Safety Meeting
- Mon Dec 24 – Fri Dec 26 IEC regular classes closed (Courses available by paging IEC staff)
- Tue Jan 20, 2009 Annual Planning Session
- Thurs Feb 5, 2009 Safety Partnership Annual Safety Forum