

"Prevention is our Intention"

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# Safety Partnership



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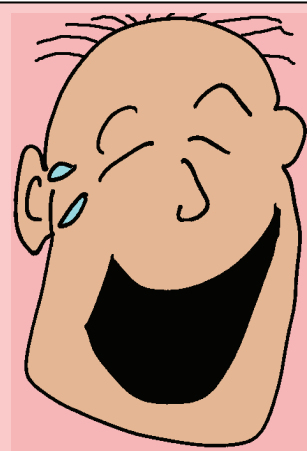
## Top 10 New Year's Resolutions



1. Use the proper safety equipment on all your tasks at home
2. Take home your safety behaviours when working around the house
3. Get hearing protection, safety glasses and safety shoes for the kids in your family that cut your lawn
4. Improve your self by investing in leadership development training
5. Coach a young worker in how to do the job safely
6. Share your safety knowledge by volunteering at your church or school
7. Plan to attend the February 14<sup>th</sup> Safety Partnership Forum
8. Take time to report a Hazardous Condition or Near Miss so others learn
9. Submit an article to the Safety Partnership Newsletter
10. Nominate a worker or work group for our annual safety awards

### DATES TO REMEMBER: Where to be in 2007!

DATE	GROUP	PLACE
January 16, 2007	Annual Planning Session	Village Inn
February 14, 2007	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual February Forum	Lambton Inn



### "LAUGHTER AS INNER JOGGING"

Laughter is good for you. A good laugh gives your heart and lungs a workout; in fact, it has been called "inner jogging."

Laughter is also believed to strengthen your immune system, helping you avoid and recover from illnesses.

**BOTTOM LINE:** And, most important of all, laughter is just plain fun. It makes life and its problems just easier to take.

# Canadian Workplace Deaths Increase 18%

A new study shows the daily grind can be hazardous to your health, with an average of five Canadians dying on the job every work day.

A report released Tuesday by the Centre for the Study of Living Standards found a record 1,097 people in Canada died as a result of an accident or disease suffered at work in 2005 - an 18 per cent increase over the previous year. The statistics were calculated based on the average Canadian working 230 days each year.

"I was very surprised when the numbers were that high," said the centre's executive director, Dr. Andrew Sharpe. "We haven't had that high an increase in a long time - possibly ever - in terms of the percentage increase."

Sharpe said most of the increase is due to occupational diseases, which accounted for half the deaths, with one-third of those fatalities directly related to asbestos exposure.

Since many of the workers were over the age of 65 and retired at the time of death, the statistics could just be playing catch-up, he said.

"Part of the reason for the increase in the worker fatalities is the aging of this group that was exposed to asbestos in the past," he said.

The most dangerous jobs include fishing, mining, oil wells, forestry and construction, the study said. Finance and insurance posed the lowest risk of death.

Fatality rates differed across the country, with the highest occurring in Newfoundland, where there were 11.7 deaths per 100,000 workers in 2005, compared to the national average of 6.8 deaths.

Ontario experienced the largest number of workplace fatalities with 412, followed by Quebec with 223 and British Columbia with 189.

Sharpe said Canada is one of the few economically developed countries experiencing a rise in workplace deaths rather than a decline.

What can you do at work today to protect your tomorrows?

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**Dr. Mark Fleming**

## February Forum

Dr. Mark Fleming from St. Mary's University in Halifax has been chosen to work with us at our annual safety event. He promises an interactive learning experience that will help identify your company's safety culture. Please mark your calendar to attend on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lambton Inn. Register today: 337-7902

Nominate a Group or Individual to receive a safety award of excellence at the February 14th Safety Partnership Forum!

## STUDY SAYS LEOS ARE THE BEST DRIVERS!

A recent study by Stanford University professor Keyvan Mohajer of 100,000 drivers finds that the month you were born is far more significant than your age in predicting car crashes.

The study, on North American driving statistics as gathered by an On-line insurance quoting service, ranks the likelihood of getting

involved in an accident based on an individual's astrological sign.

According to the study those who are at the greatest risk of getting in a traffic accident are Libras, born between September 23rd and October 22nd.

The best accident record belonged to Leos or those born between July 24th and August 23<sup>rd</sup>!

## ACCIDENTS BY SIGN

1. **Libra** (Most) Sep 23 – Oct 22
2. Scorpio Oct 24 – Nov 22
3. Capricorn Dec 22 – Jan 20
4. Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
5. Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
6. Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
7. Pisces Feb 21 – Mar 20
8. Taurus Apr 21 – May 21
9. Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
10. Gemini May 22 – Jun 21
11. Cancer Jun 22 – Jul 23
12. **Leo** (Least) Jul 24 – Aug 23