

"Prevention is  
our Intention"

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# Safety Partnership



Zero incidents by choice through  
Partnerships for Safety...

## 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 members of your family that cut the lawn
4. Improve your skills by investing in leadership development training
5. Coach a young worker in how to do the job safely
6. Share your safety knowledge with church, school or neighbour
7. Report a Hazardous Condition or Near Miss so others learn
8. Submit an article to our Safety Partnership Newsletter
9. Nominate a worker or work group for our annual safety awards
10. Don't be a statistic in 2008!

## Dates to Remember in 2008

February 6	S.L. Industrial Safety Council	Nova 12:00 - 2:00
March 19	Annual Safety Forum	Village Inn 7:30-12:00

## Safety Partnership Annual Planning Session Priority Topics Identified for 2008

- 1) **Scheduling of training and duplication/ overlap in training.**  
This would include the following issues:
  - a. Workers not showing up for scheduled training and workers showing up that are not scheduled
  - b. Frequency of training (1 year VS 2 or 3 year renewals)
  - c. Shutdown training challenges
- 2) **Review of Best Practices.** This would include the following:
  - a. T.A.S.C. card
  - b. Near Miss Reporting/ Hazardous Condition Reporting
  - c. Observation Based Safety
- 3) **Standardization of Safety Rules**
- 4) **Collectively identifying underlying root causes of incidents**

# MOL End of the Year Stats & Trends Ontario Construction Sector

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	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
<b>Fatalities</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Criticals</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>185</b>

## Western Region News

There was a substantial decrease in fatalities in the Western Region which went from 11 in 2006 to 3 in 2007. Early indications suggest fewer workers under 34 years of age are being killed while older workers are at an increased risk. (MOL state further analysis is needed to validate this suggested trend)

**80% of fatalities involved workers over 35 years of age.**

### Type of Hazard Involving a Fatality:

**43.75%** .....involved **STRUCK BY**  
**37.5%** .....involved **FALLS**  
**12.5%** .....involved **ELECTRICAL HAZARDS**  
**6.25%** .....involved **DROWNING**

### OVERALL: SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT

A significant improvement over 2006 and the lowest combined fatality/ critical occurrence since statistics have been kept. Consistent improvement has been seen this year with the exception of FALLS and ELECTRICAL CONTACTS

**NOTE:** (60% increase in overall hours worked since 2001)

**Average age of worker killed in construction: 45**

## CONFINED SPACE ENTRY UPDATE

The Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Safety Council (formerly the Plant Safety Committee) proposed a three year renewal for Confined Space Entry training more than one year ago.

The Safety Partnership Steering Committee had some concerns and formed a Working Group comprised of representation from Labour, Contractors and Owner/ clients to address this 3 year renewal time frame.

After much deliberation and consideration of the recent legislated requirements of specific on-site training, this group agreed to the three year renewal.

Feedback from the recent Annual Planning Session suggested that apprentices continue to take the training annually.

More information will be contained in the February Safety Partnership Newsletter.

## Young Worker/ New Worker

A working group met to discuss ways to better protect young or new workers in industrial and construction sectors.

They reviewed policies and procedures being used locally.

Lowering the tolerance for risk and enhancing skills in hazard recognition for all workers was identified.

These conclusions will be examined at the Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Safety Council.

We'll keep you posted on their progress.

## Extreme Weather Working Group

At a recent meeting, this working group examined various local Heat Stress policies from owner/ clients as well as contractors.

We found a lot of agreement in these policies and will make a recommendation to the Safety Partnership and the Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Safety Council over the next few weeks.

This group felt some uniformity could be created by designing a colour coded system based on humidex and WBGT readings that would outline work breaks, type of work and fluid intake as the weather gets hotter.

The colours would range from Green through Yellow, Orange and Red. (Green would mean normal work routines, red would mean that it was too hot to work.)

If the Safety Partnership and the Plant Safety committees approve of this plan in principal, this working group will develop this tool and share it with the Sarnia-Lambton construction and industrial community.

Thanks so much to those who gave their time to address this issue over the last 2 meetings:

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## Worth Quoting:

**ANGER IS ONE LETTER  
AWAY FROM DANGER**