

"Prevention is
our Intention"

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Safety Partnership Group

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Zero incidents by choice through
Partnerships for Safety...

New Supervisory Class as of April 17th 2008!

Join us for the latest version of the IEC's Supervisory class offered most Thursday afternoons. This latest class covers the following topics, which builds on last year's course.

- Stats/trends update
- Annual supervisory survey
- Internal responsibility system
- Green Book exploration/exercise
- Work refusal
- Case study: a scaffolding fatality
- Crucial Conversations

The first month is the "pilot" phase where we use this time to improve the course based on participant's feedback

Reserve your place and see what's new in Supervisory Training!

TASC WORKING GROUP

This group is meeting Thursday May 13th at the IEC to look at two aspects of the pre-job safety analysis card program.

- 1) Card design
- 2) TASC training

If you would like to offer suggestions or be a part of this group, please come to the IEC and be a part of this Continuous Improvement process.

EXTREME WEATHER WORKING GROUP

This group met recently and has developed a worker-friendly guideline to managing heat stress in the workplace. The Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Safety Council reviewed this four colour-coded document on May 7th.

Other feedback will be solicited from the Safety Partnership Steering and Executive committees before the hot weather arrives.

ENERGY CONTROL COMMITTEE

This hard working committee has impressed the Ministry of Labour with their dedication and knowledge of safety processes and practices.

An energy control solution has been developed with equal participation by IEC Safety Specialists and senior MOL leaders and engineers. In the near future, MOL inspectors will be trained to enforce this made-in-Sarnia solution.

Power Generation and Petrochemical industries that use a permitting system will be eligible for this energy control process.

meeting dates

IEC Semi-Annual
General Meeting:
Wednesday May 14

T.A.S.C. Working
Group:
1:00 PM Tuesday
May 13 at the IEC

Safety Partnership
Heat Stress Meeting
9:30 May 14 at the
IEC

SMOKING IN CARS WITH KIDS

TORONTO - Ontario introduced legislation on Wednesday April 30th to ban smoking in cars in which children are present.

"We have heard from Ontarians on this issue and are taking decisive action," said Health Promotion Minister Margaret Best. "This **proposed** ban is an important step in our efforts to protect Ontarians from the dangers of tobacco use."

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The bill proposes a fine of \$250. The proposed legislation won the praise of the Canadian Cancer Society.

"Children don't have a choice when it comes to exposure to second-hand smoke while traveling in a vehicle," said Peter Goodhand, chief executive officer of the society's Ontario wing. "The risk to their health is serious because of the confined space and because children breathe more air relative to their body weight."

"Smoking even a single cigarette in a car generates extremely high average levels of tobacco smoke pollution and exceeded the levels of a smoky pub," said Taryn Sendzik, one of the University of Waterloo graduate students who conducted the study.

In some instances, the amount of second-hand smoke inside the test vehicles were 11 times the amount of those inside a smoky saloon, the study found.

Other jurisdictions, including Nova Scotia, Yukon, Arkansas, California, Maine, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, South Australia and Tasmania, already have similar legislation. Tobacco consumption in Ontario has fallen by more than 30 per cent since 2003.

WE'RE MOVING!

The IEC is poised to move to a newly renovated facility immediately to the north of the Lambton Inn on London Road. The IEC will share this facility with B.S.I. (Bluewater Sustainability Initiative), C.A.E.R. (Community Awareness Emergency Response) and S.L.E.A. (Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association).

The IEC will have a newer, bigger space and plan to develop positive synergies with Lambton College as well as BSI, CAER and SLEA.

The renovations will be complete by July with a planned move in date for the IEC in August. A grand Opening Ceremony is planned for Thursday September 25th.



The new home for the IEC is located at 1475 London Road in front of the Lambton Inn. It is 7.6 km or 14 minutes from our current location on Chippewa Street

DATES/ EVENTS IN MAY & JUNE

May is Motorcycle Safety Month
May is National Stroke Awareness Month
May 17 – 23: National Safe Boating Week
May 16: National Bike to Work Day
May 21: I Need a Patch for That Day
May 19 : Victoria Day
June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month
June is Fireworks Safety Month
June 9 – 15th is Men's Health Month

