

"Prevention is
our Intention"

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Safety Partnership Group

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Zero incidents by choice through
Partnerships for Safety...

IEC & SAFESTART

IEC PARTNERS with SAFESTART

The IEC are pleased to be a partner with SafeStart with its emphasis on Safety at work, at home and on the road. Local industrial members have shown an interest in this program with one-site implementation of this program for January 2009.

SAFESTART, an advanced safety awareness training program, was authored by Electrolab's Larry Wilson in 1998 after 20 years of assisting companies with their safety processes to reduce injuries in a fast, easy, and cost-effective way.

With average injury reductions over 50% in one year it has proven itself in nearly every environment. SafeStart's general, underlying concepts are now being applied in other sectors. Versions have been developed for Healthcare, an Accident-Incident Investigation safety enhancement series, and an employee take-home family safety package.

If you would like a SafeStart presentation please contact Shelley Brown at: 519 383-7025 or shelleyb@sarniasafety.com

Safety Training Standards Team

This group presented their ideas at the recent IEC General Meeting. Following the presentation, this group voted in favour of the team developing 2 or three standards with a three month review of progress to take place in the spring.

The average number of visits by a worker to the IEC in 2007 was 3.8. The costs associated with extra travel and duplication of training is significant. The team's objective is to reduce duplication of training, reduce travel costs and get workers to their workplace in an efficient manner without reducing safety.

CONGRATULATIONS

Shell Plant Manager Kerry Margetts presented an IEC Leadership Development Certificate to Shell employee Marc Jacques on the successful completion of eight Leadership Development courses offered by the IEC.



Marc Jacques & Kerry Margetts

"I found the IEC leadership courses helpful, interesting and informative. I feel they are beneficial in leadership development.

It was a good learning experience interacting with employees from other industries in the Sarnia area.

Whether working with individuals or groups, the skills learned are used in your everyday business.

Today's leadership style is much different than just a few years ago. With many long term employees retiring the IEC courses help give new leaders the skills they require for interfacing in today's industry."

Marc Jacques

WORTH REPEATING

- A safer you is a safer me
- Better to tie off than to fly off
- No safety know pain, know safety no pain.



Cell Phone Legislation Planned

The Liberal government at Queen's Park introduced a bill to ban not only cell phone use behind the wheel in Ontario, but all electronic distractions in your car.

There are reports it will prohibit all use of phones, BlackBerrys and GPS devices by drivers, with the possible exception of hands-free devices.

This new law takes the issue of driver distraction further than other provinces which only outlaw driving and dialing.

Where Cell Phones are Banned

Banned in these Canadian Provinces:

Newfoundland & Labrador	April 1, 2003
Quebec	April 1, 2008
Nova Scotia	April 1, 2008
Ontario	2009?

Banned in these States in the USA:

New York State	Connecticut
New Jersey	District of Columbia

Banned in 40 Countries including:

Australia	Italy
France	Japan
Germany	Portugal
Greece	Spain
Ireland	Sweden

IEC/ WSIB Research Results

Results of Phase I of the IEC/WSIB research project were revealed at the recent IEC General Meeting. The project goal was to collect and verify local construction statistics with respect to:

- 1) Lost Time Injuries
- 2) No Lost Time Injuries
- 3) Recordable Injuries
- 4) Injury Definitions
- 5) Construction Hours

Conclusion: Sarnia-Lambton Construction activity is significantly safer than the Provincial averages for construction. (20 to 70 times safer, depending on the type of injury or time period being examined) Next month's newsletter will elaborate.

MOL NEWS



Peter Fonseca
New Minister of Labour

Peter Fonseca was originally elected to the Ontario legislature in 2003.

Fonseca was appointed Minister of Labour in 2008. He previously served as Minister of Tourism and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Health Promotion.

The IEC have hosted Minister of Labour visits in the past and look forward to introducing Peter Fonseca to the Sarnia area.

**PROPOSAL:
WSIB COVERAGE for ALL
CONSTRUCTION WORKERS**

Ontario introduced legislation that, if passed, would make workers' compensation coverage mandatory for individuals working in the construction industry.

This legislation would make it mandatory to extend benefits and services contained in the Workplace Safety & Insurance Act for independent operators in construction and some other individuals in construction currently not covered.

The proposed amendments would fully come into effect no earlier than 2012 – three years following Royal Assent, if passed by the Legislature.

For more information about the proposed changes, visit the Ministry of Labour's website at: www.labour.gov.on.ca.

FEBRUARY FORUM

The 9th Annual February Forum is being planned for Thursday February 5, 2009 at the Holiday Inn.



Alan Quilley: Author of "The Emperor Has No Hard Hat: Achieving REAL Workplace Safety Results"

Alan Quilley will be our Guest Speaker. Alan has combined three decades of experience with the best in behavioural and occupational health & safety research to quantify **exactly** what it takes to make companies safe.

This keynote address will be a valuable introduction into a safety concept, called Integrated Safety Management.

Further information will be available on our website and via newsletter.

Please contact Peter at: pstock@sarniasafety.com if you have any questions.

DATES/ EVENTS IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Tues Nov 18,	Safety Partnership Steering Committee
Wed Dec 3	Safety Partnership Executive
Wed Dec 3	Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Safety Council
Thurs Feb 5	Safety Partnership Annual Safety Forum