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Safety Partnership Group

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Safety Partnership Updates:

CONFINED SPACE COURSE DEVELOPMENT

IEC staff continues to work on developing a New Confined Space Entry course that will debut in January 2008.

Currently we are looking for input from Safety Partnership stakeholders to provide actual Confined Space scenarios for small work group discussion in the class.

The new class will address some of the current confusion regarding workplaces that may have been designated as a confined space in the past, but don't meet the new Confined Space definition as of September 30th 2006.

Please forward any of these scenarios as soon as possible to
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UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

Plant Safety Meeting

Wed Nov 7th at OPG

CSAO Labour Management

Tue Nov 13th Village Inn

Safety Partnership Steering

Tue Nov 20th Village Inn

FLU SHOT CLINICS: For upcoming clinics in our area, please call the FLU INFO LINE at 519 383-3812 for more information or visit the website www.lambtonhealth.on.ca.

FEBRUARY FORUM: Date and location to be announced

For speaker ideas or themes, contact pstock@sarniasafety.com

SAFETY MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT: The IEC SMA staff will be holding an open house in November to outline the changes to the revised SMA questionnaire. All contractors and owner/ client representatives will be invited. Details to follow by e-mail as well as posted on our website.

The revised SMA document contains a section devoted to the Field Audit score. This score makes up about 20% of the overall score. Until January this score is a flat 75 points based solely on your company having completed this field visit portion.

After January 2008, the score achieved in the field visit will be the score attributed to the SMA office audit field visit element.

NOTE: Field visit scores have been typically higher than the overall score achieved in the office audit. This indicates that often the message is being received by the worker if not documented by the office procedures and processes. Thanks to all of those companies that have been involved with an SMA to date!

Young Worker/ New Worker Orientation

A Partnership Steering Committee Working Group is looking closely at what training local labour groups and contractors are providing for young workers or those workers that are new to industry.

If you have ideas that you would like to share, please contact Peter Stock at: pstock@sarniasafety.com.

Home Fire Escape Plan

1. **Plan Ahead;** Bedroom doors should be closed when sleeping. Family members should visit each bedroom and figure out two escape routes
 - a) The normal exit
 - b) The other exit through a door or a window
2. **Plan an Escape Route;** check that windows open easily from inside
3. **Establish a Safe Meeting Place**
A special meeting place should be established a safe distance from the house.

It could be a mailbox, the neighbour's driveway or a large tree in the yard. Whatever it is, it must be something that is stationary and won't be moved (such as a car). This is where everyone meets in the event of a fire. It also prevents family members from wandering around the neighbourhood looking for one another, or worse, being tempted to re-enter the burning house for one thought to be trapped inside. Call 911 from a neighbour's house.

4. **Provide for those Needing Extra Help:**
When afraid, children commonly seek sheltered places such as a closet or under the bed. Encourage them to exit outside. Specifically talk to your children about the dangers of hiding in the house.
5. **Practice Your Fire Escape Plan:** One very good step in the planning of your home fire escape plan is to make a floor plan of the house. Mark the regular and emergency escape routes, as well as windows, doors, stairs, halls.
A good way to practice the effectiveness of a home fire escape plan is to position each family member in his or her bed, turn all the lights off, and activate the smoke detector by depressing the test switch. Each family member should help "awaken" the others by yelling the alert. Family members should exit their rooms according to the plan, crawl low under smoke, practice feeling doors for heat, and meet in the designated location outside the home.
6. **Exit Safely From a Structure:** Plan escape routes from the family room, the basement, the laundry room other rooms where someone might be when a fire starts in your home. Show your children how to slide out the window on their stomach and how to drop down to the ground.
7. **Plan Ahead:** Remember, the first step toward escaping a fire is to plan ahead. Practice a home fire escape plan throughout the year and be sure that if anything should change around the home, it is included in the home fire escape plan.
8. **Remember** the law has changed about smoke detectors in the home. Every floor in your house needs one. Detectors are ideally located outside sleeping areas. For more information, contact the Fire Department's Fire Safety Education Officer.

November 2007 Calendar

MONTH

Family Stories Month
National Peanut Butter Lovers Month
Pomegranate Month

WEEKS

World Kindness Week Nov 12 to 18
National Family Week Nov 18 to 24

DAYS

National Men Make Dinner Day Nov 1st
(Maybe serve up a pomegranate!)
Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 4th
(Change the batteries on your smoke detectors!)

SILLY STUFF

I Need a Patch for That Day Nov 12th
Have a Bad Day Day Nov 19th
Name Your PC Day Nov 20th
Flossing Day Nov 23rd
(Now seriously, shouldn't every day be flossing day?)