

"Prevention is our Intention"

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Zero incidents by choice through
Partnerships for Safety...

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Dates to Remember

IEC General Meeting	Wed Nov 15 th
Safety Partnership Steering Committee	Tue Nov 21 st
Plant Safety Meeting	Wed Nov 29 th
Safety Partnership Annual Planning Session	Tue Jan 16 th
Safety Partnership February Forum	Wed Feb 14 th (tentative)

Ontario Ministry of Labour

26 Construction Deaths to Date
(Compared to 20 in total for all of 2005!)

	MONTH	AGE	CAUSE	CIRCUMSTANCES
1	Jan 18	39	Electrocuted	Insulator working near 120 Volts
2	Jan 19	22	Fell 22 feet	Shingler fell on a residential project
3	Jan 23	42	Drowning	Road collapsed & crane fell into pond
4	Jan 31	56	Drowning	Front end loader went through ice road
5	Feb 14	54	Fell 20 feet	Electrician fell from ladder
6	Feb 21	60	Struck by	Wood trench support struck his head
7	Mar 3	45	Crushed	Truck driver engulfed by gravel load
8	Mar 16	47	Fell 24 feet	Working in bucket when boom let go
9	Apr 26	47	Electrocuted	Dump box hit overhead line- 4800 volts
10	May 1	26	Crushed	Bucket of backhoe fell into excavation
11	May 8	38	Electrocuted	Dump box hit 7200 volt power line
12	May 9	44	Run over	Dump truck backed over driver
13	May 12	38	Unknown	Backhoe operator received head injury
14	May 30	24	Fell 22 feet	Siding installer fell from ladder
15	May 31	53	Struck by	Metal beam slipped from fork truck
16	Jun 5	52	Crushed	Roofer working from bucket of loader
17	July 7	76	Fell 10 feet	Superintendent fell into excavation
18	July 13	35	Engulfed	Repairing residential foundation
19	July 15	21	Crushed	Crushed when backhoe rolled over
20	July 21	50	Electrocuted	Operator stepped off equipment that was energized by a power line contact
21	July 21	34	Fell 4 feet	Worker fell from truck while loading
22	Aug 3	49	Crushed	Pushing 45 gallon drum off truck
23	Aug 16	78	Impaled	Fell from step ladder onto glass fixture
24	Aug 31	57	Fell 20 feet	Not tied off and fell two stories
25	Sept 1	41	Crushed	Equipment rollover
26	Sept 30	45	Fell 20 feet	Window cleaner fell from ladder

AVERAGE AGE OF WORKER WAS 45
Operation of Heavy Equipment was a Factor in 58%
Falling was a Factor in 31% of Fatalities

Change Your Clocks and then Change the Batteries on Your Smoke Detectors



The leading fire death scenarios continue to be:

- 1) Home fire caused by smoking materials that ignite upholstered furniture in a living area at night.
- 2) Home fire caused by smoking materials that ignite bedding in a sleeping area at night.
- 3) Home fire caused by cooking equipment that is left unattended in the kitchen at night.

In these scenarios, a working smoke alarm can make a difference between life and death.

Are smoke alarms effective?

The largest percentage of fire deaths in the home occurs at night while people are asleep.

- Therefore, a working smoke alarm can provide an early warning that can make the difference between life and death.
- According to studies published by the National Fire Protection Association, having a smoke alarm cuts your risk of dying in a fire by nearly half.
- However, a smoke alarm should be part of an overall home fire safety strategy that also includes:
 - a) preventing fires by adopting fire safe behaviour, and
 - b) developing and practicing a home fire escape plan

In a fire, escape time may be very limited. Therefore, escape plans are a critical aspect of a home fire safety strategy.

Plan and Practice Your Escape

In addition to properly working smoke alarms, the best defense against a fire is a well-rehearsed, escape plan. Knowing exactly what to do can save precious seconds in the event of a real emergency.

The Canada Safety Council recommends these steps to prepare for a family fire drill:

- 1) Draw a floor plan of your house.
- 2) Mark two ways out of each room.
- 3) Establish a meeting place outside the house.
- 4) Check that each family member has the plan & knows the escape route.
- 5) Post your fire escape plan on the fridge or family bulletin board.
- 6) Hold a fire drill for your family once or twice a year. Vary the drills, to practice escaping from different fire sources.

November is:

National Lung Cancer Awareness Month

FACTS

- Within 5 years of quitting, the risk of lung cancer drops to approximately half that of a smoker.
- Within 10-15 years of quitting, the risk drops to almost the same as those who have never smoked.
- The younger a person is when they quit the greater the health benefits, especially if they quit before age 50.

Website:

http://www.cancer.ca/ccs/inter/net/frontdoor/0,,3172___langId-en,00.html

Diabetes Month

http://www.diabetes.ca/Section_About/about_basics.asp

National Home Fire Safety Week

November 24 - 30, 2006

<http://www.safety-council.org/info/home/escape.html>

Every Home Needs a Fire Escape Plan

In spring 2006, Duracell and the Canada Safety Council commissioned a cross-Canada survey on fire safety. It found that **70%** of respondents had not held a home fire drill in the past year – down eight percent from 2005. In fact, an alarming **69%** did not have a home fire escape plan in place!

Local Total Recordable Injury Rate Statistics

2002 = 2.9 2004 = 1.3 2006 Q1 = .67
2003 = 2.8 2005 = 1.7 2006 Q2 = .82

**KEEP UP THE
GOOD WORK!**