



## Health & Safety Newsletter

### Criminal Negligence Charges

A first in Canada—A company has been charged with "Criminal Negligence Causing Death"!!!

Quebec Crown prosecutors have charged Transpave following the death of employee Steve L'Ecuyer, who died October 2005 after being crushed by heavy machinery.

"The management of health & safety at the factory is deficient as far as inspections, safety procedures & training are concerned," commission inspectors reported.

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### New Confined Space Regulations as of Sept. 30/06

Are you ready?... Have you:

- assessed potential confined spaces?
- developed confined space entry procedures and programs?
- done atmospheric testing?
- obtained entry permits?
- prepared for emergency rescue?
- done employee training?
- maintained accurate records?

### Newsletter Spotlight

**Criminal Negligence Charges**

**New Confined Space Regulations In Effect**

**Office Health & Safety**

### Offices Need Health & Safety Programs Too



Offices, like any other workplace, can be hazardous to your health and safety. Office workers may not work with heavy machinery or chemicals, or work in extreme temperatures, but many office situations have the potential to cause harm to an individual. Some hazards associated with the office environment can include: improper lighting, poor air quality, improper posture/ergonomics, repetitive motion, and stress.

All offices should have a health & safety program that addresses these hazards that could negatively affect their workers, and thus their overall business.

An ergonomics program should be in place to match job tasks to the worker that is performing them. Jobs should have varied tasks and be reasonably demanding.

Office lighting should be adequate, moderately intense and low-glare.

Workplaces should be free of moulds, dusts, and fumes, and have properly maintained ventilation systems.

Workers should have some degree of decision-making authority, career learning opportunities, and be recognized as valuable company assets.

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