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HOUSEKEEPING IS SAFE-KEEPING AT WORK

The negative impressions and implications of poor housekeeping can affect you and co-workers for a long time to come. Morale is lowered for most people who must function every day in a messy, disorderly work environment, although they may not be aware of the cause.

Safety is an even more critical issue. If your housekeeping habits are poor, the result may be employee injuries-or even death and even difficulty in securing future work. How can such a "minor" issue have such serious consequences?

Here are some results of poor housekeeping practices:

- Injuries, when employees trip, fall, strike or are struck by out-of-place objects;
- Injuries from using improper tools because the correct tool can't be found;
- Lowered production because of the time spent maneuvering over and around someone else's mess, and time spent looking for proper tools and materials;
- Time spent investigating and reporting accidents that could have been avoided;
- Fires due to improper storage and disposal of flammable or combustible materials and wastes;
- Substandard quality of finished products because of production schedule delays, damaged or defective finishes, ill-equipped employees, etc.;
- Lack of future work due to a reputation for poor quality;
- "Wall-to-wall" MOL inspections due to the "first impression" of the compliance officer.

General housekeeping rules to remember are:

- Clean up after yourself. Pick up your trash and debris and dispose of it properly, or place it where it will not pose a hazard to others. Institute a routine cleaning schedule.
- Keep your work area clean throughout the day. This will minimize the amount of time needed to clean a "larger mess" at the end of the day.
- Dispose of combustibles and flammables properly. If improperly discarded, they will increase the potential for a fire.
- Remove protruding nails and other sharp objects or hammer them flat to prevent someone from stepping on them or snagging themselves.
- Stack materials and supplies orderly and secure them so they won't topple.

IN THE NEWS

- A Toronto company that shreds plastic materials was fined \$60,000 for failing to ensure there was a guardrail on the grinder, after a worker was seriously injured. The sales manager was also fined \$5,000 for knowingly furnishing an inspector with false information.
- A company was fined \$90,000 after a young worker seriously injured. The company pleaded guilty under the OHSA of failing to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of a worker in the workplace.

A 25-percent victim surcharge was added to the total of the above fines.





MOL SNAPSHOT: ROADWORK—HEAVY CIVIL

DESCRIPTION

Roads--including projects on roads and highways, both new and rehabilitation of existing, bridge work, paving operations.

MAJOR HAZARDS

- Moving of equipment and materials
- Traffic protection
- Electrical hazards
- Excavations
- Falls
- Occupational disease

KEY ISSUES

- Confined space
- Formwork design and inspection
- Work planning
- Impact on public
- Unskilled work force
- Ergonomics

ENFORCEMENT

DIRECTION

- Moving of equipment and materials
- Electrical Hazards

- Power line contacts
- Excavations
- Overturning of equipment
- Traffic control
- Falls
- Occupational diseases
 - Exposure to hazardous chemicals and substances
 - Noise
 - Ergonomics
- Inspection Blitzes
 - Electrical Hazards
 - Equipment Operation

NAOSH Week is May 3rd to 9th, 2009. Do you have your Health and Safety Event



Once again, BULLIVANT and Associates will be walking in the Steps for Life Walk, May 3rd to raise money to support families of workers that were injured or killed on the job. If you would like to join or sponsor our team, please call us at 905-664-4943.

MOL—SAFETY BLITZ FOR APRIL

Ontario is continuing its efforts to reduce workplace injuries by focusing on hazards involving musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) during a workplace safety blitz in April.

The blitz will target workplaces in the construction, healthcare, industrial and mining sectors. Inspectors will concentrate on tasks that require workers to exert force in lifting, pushing or carrying items and tasks that put workers in awkward postures or are repetitive.

“Musculoskeletal disorders account for almost half of all injuries in which workers need to take time off work in Ontario—resulting in substantial costs to the medical and workers’ compensation system. Ontario and its workplace partners are committed to eliminating all workplace injuries, including those involving MSDs.”

- Peter Fonesca, Minister of Labour

"My safety glasses were in the tool box, but I was just going to grind off this one little piece...." (I wonder if they'll still let me drive with only one eye?)

"That's how we've always done it before." (...before the accident occurred anyway.)

A SINGLE SECOND



It takes a minute to write a safety rule.

It takes an hour to hold a safety meeting.

It takes a week to plan a good safety program.

It takes a month to put that program into operation.


It takes a year to win a safety award.

It takes a lifetime to make a safe worker.

But it takes only a second to destroy it all - with one accident.

Take the time now to work safe and help your fellow employees to be safe.

BULLIVANT & Associates Inc.—Spring Training Schedule 2009

	<p align="center">Overhead Crane Operator Training – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 14th, May 12th, June 16th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8000</p>
<p align="center">Forklift Certification – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 15th, May 13th, June 11th *Practical evaluations are required as per CSA standard</p> <p>Cost: Theory - \$120 + gst per person Practical Evaluation - \$100/hour # 8001</p>	<p align="center">Forklift Re-Certification – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 16th, May 14th, June 12th *Practical evaluations are required as per CSA standard</p> <p>Cost: \$75 + gst per person Practical Evaluation - \$100/hour # 8002</p>
<p align="center">WHMIS – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 22nd, May 19th, June 18th</p> <p>Cost: \$99 + gst per person # 8003</p>	<p align="center">Lockout/Tagout – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 24th, May 22nd, June 19th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8004</p>
<p align="center">Confined Space Awareness – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 24th, May 22nd, June 19th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8005</p>	<p align="center">Due Diligence for Managers – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 23rd, May 19th, June 26th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8006</p>
<p align="center">JHSC Certification Part I – Two Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 6th/7th, May 4th/5th June 1st/2nd</p> <p>St Catharines: April 13th/14th, May 11th/12th June 8th/9th</p> <p>Mississauga: April 15th/16th, May 13th/14th June 10th/11th</p> <p>Cost: \$395 + gst per person # 8007</p>	<p align="center">JHSC Certification Part II – Two Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 28th/29th, May 26th/27th June 29th/30th</p> <p>St Catharines: April 27th/28th, May 25th/26th June 15th/16th</p> <p>Mississauga: April 30th/May 1st, May 28th/29th June 24th/25th</p> <p>Cost: Dependant on number of modules required. # 8008</p>
<p align="center">First Aid/CPR – Two Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 20th/21st, May 20th/21st June 22nd/23rd</p> <p>Cost: \$135 + gst per person # 8009</p>	<p align="center">First Aid/CPR Re-Certification – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 20th, May 20th, June 22nd</p> <p>Cost: \$85 + gst per person # 8010</p>
<p align="center">Fall Arrest – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 17th, May 15th, June 9th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8011</p>	<p align="center">Train the Trainer – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd</p> <p>St Catharines: April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd</p> <p>Mississauga: April 21st, May 20th, June 17th</p> <p>Cost: \$275 + gst per person # 8012</p>
<p align="center">Forklift Train the Trainer – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th</p> <p>St. Catharines: April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th</p> <p>Mississauga: April 22nd, May 21st, June 18th</p> <p>Cost: \$900 + gst per person # 8013</p>	<p align="center">WHMIS Train the Trainer – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: April 3rd, May 8th, June 5th</p> <p>St Catharines: April 3rd, May 8th, June 5th</p> <p>Mississauga: April 23rd, May 22nd, June 19th</p> <p>Cost: \$900 + gst per person #8014</p>
<p align="center">Transportation of Dangerous Goods – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: March 13th, June 18th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8015</p>	<p align="center">Call to book any session at your facility and at a time and date that is convenient for you.</p>