



Safety Matters



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Safety

How is your Safety Report Card? What metrics do you use? We know that what gets measured gets managed. Do you include both leading and lagging indicators? Set annual goals? One way to evaluate your safety report card is to partner with a WCB Safety Certified Provider and undertake an external audit. SSNS can help. Check out the link to [auditing services](#).

There are a number of dates coming up and ways to recognize, honour and support those affected by serious/fatal workplace incidents. The most recent statistics from the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC) tell us that in 2021, 1081 workplace fatalities were recorded in Canada. 1009 were male workers, and 72 were female workers. Among these deaths were 18 young workers aged 15-24. The industries most represented were construction, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

- April 28 is the day of mourning to recognize these individuals and to collectively renew our commitment to improve health and safety in the workplace and prevent further injuries, illnesses and deaths.
- April 29 is the Steps for Life Threads of Life walking fundraiser in Halifax at Point Pleasant Park, April 22 in Charlottetown and on line for any day in May for NB and May 7 in person for St. John's and on line for Corner Brook. The monies from the events goes to providing education and support for workers and family member who have been affected by a workplace tragedy or serious workplace injury. Check out the link for details and how to enter your team. Co-workers, family, friends and four-legged friends welcome!
- May 1-6 is Safety & Health Week. The goal is to focus employers, employees, partners and the public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home and in the community. It is a time for your Safety Committee to shine & share!



Health & Wellness



April 7 is World Health Day. The World Health Organization (WHO developed in 1948) celebrates on the 7th of April every year to mark the founding anniversary of the organization and to provide a unique opportunity to mobilize action around a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. The theme of the World Health Day campaign for 2023 is Health for All.

April 22 is Earth Day and the focus is on protecting our species. All living things have an intrinsic value, and each plays a unique role in the complex web of life. We must work together to protect endangered and threatened species of bees, coral reefs, elephants, giraffes, insects, whales and more. What are you doing to preserve the earth and help clean up your community?

