

HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS



March 2020

"NCA Health & Safety News" provides you with valuable information and assists in your quest to achieve a world-class safety culture. We believe that developing a safe work ethic is a never-ending process that must be part of every business's professional development.

Please do not hesitate to contact the [office](#) with your input, suggestions or safety questions. We value your feedback!

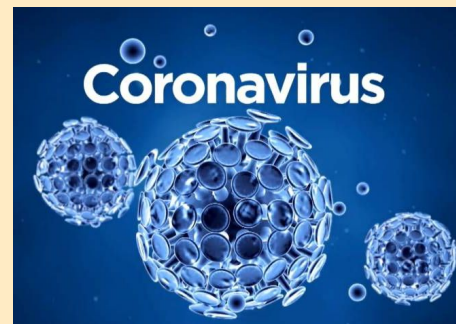
This time of increased efforts to flatten the infection curve of COVID-19 (including social distancing) may present an opportunity to take advantage of online safety courses. Please read further for options.

COVID-19 UPDATE TO MEMBERSHIP

Bearing in mind that information on the current COVID-19 pandemic is entirely fluid, the NCA has shared the following information with their members:

Dear Member,

As you may have heard, there has been three confirmed case of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in Niagara. The Region website states the "Risk to Niagara Residents is Low".



The **Niagara Construction Association (NCA)** is monitoring the situation closely and will do what we can to ensure members have up-to-date information by communicating through e-blast, social media posts, and updates on our website: www.niagaraconstruction.org

As we monitor the situation we will cancel or reschedule our events and/or education offerings, if necessary. We will keep you informed of any changes.

We are aware that we all have questions about the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see the following helpful information:

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL MESSAGE / IMPORTANT LINKS](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR PRINTABLE SIGNAGE](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PANDEMIC PREPARATION AND POLICY GUIDELINES](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR BUSINESS PANDEMIC PREP GUIDE FROM CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH COVID-19 SCREENING CHECKLIST](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR WHO GETTING THE WORKPLACE READY FOR COVID-19](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR "WHAT EMPLOYERS SHOULD KNOW" ARTICLE](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR "IS YOUR WORKPLACE READY" SLIDE SHOW](#)



NCA SAFETY AWARENESS DAY - MAY 7

- Trade Show
- Onsite Training
- Workshops
- Demo's
- Lunch!

Registration required; \$10 pp refundable upon arrival

Grantham Lions Club, St. Catharines

Email [Connie](mailto:connie@niagaraconstruction.org) for sponsorships, trade show space or to register

NCA SAFETY AWARENESS DAY 2020

SAFETY PRODUCTS, SUPPLIES, SERVICES
TECH | TRAINING | WORKSHOPS
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ♦ Trade Show
- ♦ Training / Workshops
- ♦ Demo's

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
\$10/person including lunch, refundable upon arrival

**THURSDAY
MAY 7**

GRANTHAM LIONS CLUB
732 Niagara Street
St. Catharines, L2M 7W7

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www.niagaraconstruction.org

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POISON PREVENTION WEEK MARCH 15th - 21st

We have WHMIS for the hours we put in at work, but many everyday items in your home have the potential to poison you if they are mishandled. Knowing how to manage them in your household is key to avoiding a trip to the ER.

What should you do if you suspect that you or a loved one has been poisoned? As tempting as it may be, DO NOT induce

Common Household POISONS

The Ontario Poison Centre identifies these five everyday household substances as common poisons

Poison Risk	Protective Measure
 <p>Medications Antidepressants, pain relievers, and even vitamins can cause adverse effects if you ingest enough.</p>	Use childproof containers and store medications out of reach of kids. Stick to the recommended dosage either on the bottle or from your physician. Ensure your Pharmacist is aware of all the medications you take.
 <p>Household Cleaners Children can mistake brightly-coloured cleaners and convenient dishwasher pods as candy.</p>	Keep cleaners in locked cabinets, and teach your kids to only eat things if you have deemed them safe.
 <p>Alcohol Overconsumption can lead to health complications like kidney failure, coma and death.</p>	Know your limits, and store them safely out of reach so that children cannot accidentally consume them.
 <p>Personal Care Products Sunscreen, nail polish, mouthwash and even toothpaste are not made for ingestion.</p>	Use as intended and follow directions to avoid complications.
 <p>Plants Ingesting daffodils, lilies and other household plants can trigger stomach and respiratory issues.</p>	Avoid these plants if you have pets, and teach children to only eat the greens on their plates. For added comfort, keep them high off the ground where kids cannot reach them.

If you suspect poisoning, call the Ontario Poison Centre at 1-800-268-9017. For more information about poison control, read our monthly newsletter at sja.ca

vomiting unless directed to do so by the Ontario Poison Centre or a licensed pharmacist. If the poison is corrosive, vomiting could cause further damage. You should instead call the Ontario Poison Centre at 1-800-268-9017, or 9-1-1.

Click the infogram to view or download *Courtesy of St. John Ambulance, Ontario*



APRIL IS DIG SAFE MONTH



April is dedicated to raising awareness of safe digging practices across the province to improve safety and reduce damages to underground infrastructure.

Dig Safe Month is designed to coincide with the unofficial start of spring digging season and to serve as a reminder to homeowners and contractors that they need to call or click before they start digging.

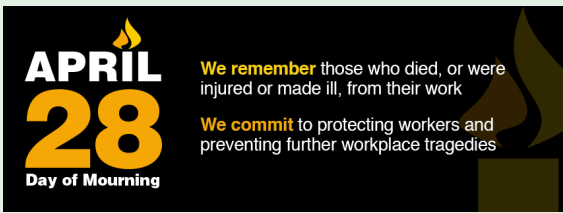
Ensuring the safety of those who work or live in the vicinity of underground facilities and protecting vital services is everyone's responsibility.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE DIG SAFE WEBSITE](#) [CLICK HERE FOR DIG SAFE MERCHANDISE](#)



DAY OF MOURNING - APRIL 28

The Day of Mourning, also known as Workers' Memorial Day, is officially recognized in about 100 countries worldwide.



In 2017, 951 workplace fatalities were recorded in Canada, an increase of 46 from the previous year.

Please take a moment to view the

[TRIBUTES \(WSIB\)](#) and [STORIES \(WSIB\)](#)



[CLICK HERE FOR FREE WSIB POSTERS, ETC.](#) [CLICK HERE FOR POSTERS FROM CCOHS](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR CCOHS SHAREABLE MESSAGES](#) [CLICK HERE FOR RELATED EVENTS](#)



ICYMI: WSIB "NEW" HEALTH AND SAFETY EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

*IMPROVE HEALTH & SAFETY,
EARN REBATES & REWARDS*

* FREE INFO SESSIONS *



The WSIB has a NEW Health and Safety incentive program for employers in the province of Ontario. **The Health and Safety Excellence program** is designed to create a safer workplace and save money.

The new program provides a roadmap for businesses to improve workplace safety, whether they are just getting started or want to optimize what they already have in place.

Businesses that are successful in the program will earn \$\$\$\$ Rebates and other non-financial recognition for their investment in health and safety.

Registration for the new program is now open for the 2020 program year.

We will be holding free, 1-hour information sessions on:

Thursday, April 16th at 3:30 pm
(subject to COVID-19 conditions)

Contact to register/info: office@niagaraconstruction.org



ESSENTIAL H&S INFO FOR YOUR SMALL CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS: The HOW TO Series

This is it! 3-hour sessions covering the must-know How To's for your small to medium-sized construction business - to

keep you in compliance and reduce fines/charges, covering:

- WSIB paperwork
- Inspections
- the MOL / reports
- Daily Hazard Analysis
- Task Analysis
- Risk Assessment/Registry

For details or to register: [CLICK HERE](#)

HOW TO SERIES

Introducing the new "HOW TO" Series!

3 hour sessions, exclusive to NCA

Q: Why do members need it?
A: Compliance/Due Diligence

Q: What are the members saying about the trainer?
A: "I enjoyed the way Ella presented everything. Easy to learn and understand."

Q: How can it save members money?
A: Reduced Fines/Charges

1) FILL OUT A FORM 7 PROPERLY AND OTHER WSIB PAPERWORK:

- Basics of this WSIB form
- Timelines to follow
- Completing a form

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Time: 8:30 - 11:30 am | Cost: \$125 +HST

2) UNDERSTAND MANDATORY POSTINGS:

- What the laws require
- Where to post
- Who posts what

Date: February 5, 2020
Time: 12:00 - 3:00 PM | Cost: \$125 +HST

3) DO AN INSPECTION:

- What to look for
- Includes forms
- When to do them - types

Date: Monday, February 10, 2020
Time: 8:30 - 11:30 am | Cost: \$125 +HST



IHSA 2-MINUTE NEWS



IHSA announces temporary closure of facilities:

To help slow the rate of the COVID-19 infection, the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association is cancelling all of its courses and closing its facilities, effective March 16 to April 3.

During this temporary closure of our facilities, all IHSA staff will be available to respond to regular IHSA inquiries.

The health and safety of our staff, clients, and community at large remains IHSA's top priority. This is a constantly evolving situation and IHSA will continue following the guidance of public health officials. If you have any questions, please contact IHSA

- General Inquiries: 1-800-263-5024
- Customer Service email
- Health and Safety Excellence Program information
- COR™ information

Resources

IHSA has created a COVID-19 resource page to provide information to its members. We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation in Ontario and will continue following recommendations from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and guidance from the Government of Canada. Please continue to check this notice for any updates.

Click [HERE](#) for February 2-Minute News



"Understanding Small Business Health and Safety"

A Small Business Health & Safety Event
The Niagara, Hamilton and Central Regional

Labour Management Health & Safety Committees are happy to present "Understanding Small Business Health & Safety" - a Small Business Health & Safety Event.

This event is intended to provide health & safety information for smaller-sized construction employers and their workers. Join other small business leaders to learn practical ways to benefit from improving your workplace health and safety.

Event is brought to you **Free of Charge** by the IHSA's Labour Management Health and Safety Network.

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM

Presentations will start at 9:00 AM

Friday, June 5, 2020, 8:00AM - Noon

Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre

St. Catharines, Ontario

Register Early as spots are limited. Register [HERE](#)

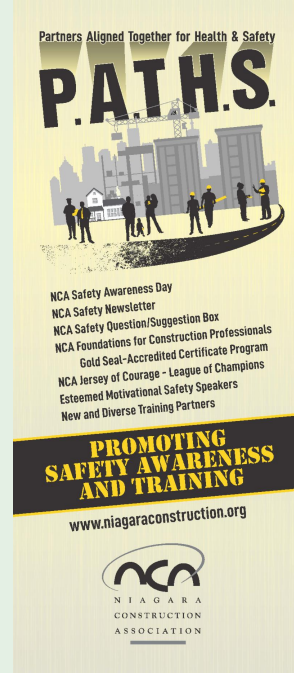
CLICK [HERE](#) for more info



NCA P.A.T.H.S.

PARTNERS ALIGNED TOGETHER FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

NCA has made safety awareness a primary initiative for our Association. We have recently launched our [PATHS initiative, Partners Aligned Together for Health and Safety](#), formally making a stronger commitment to safety awareness and training.



H&S Training at the NCA



Upcoming NCA Educational & Training Courses

[click here](#)

Check out our online training courses

[Click Here!](#)



ATTENTION MEMBERS: IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING TRAINING REGISTRATION PROCEDURE for Working at Heights, First Aid, Joint Health & Safety, Elevated Work Platform and Forklift training

Are you looking for training schedules or registration for the following courses:

- Working at Heights - Full Course or Refresher
- Elevated Work Platform - EWP
- Joint Health and Safety Certification



- Refresher Training
- Joint Health and Safety Certification Part 1 & 2
- First Aid/CPR
- Forklift

We have simplified this procedure in our partnership with Langlois Safety Training and Consulting Services.



Here are the instructions to follow:
First time registrants need to register through the **Account** link for Langlois Safety, which can be found in the footer of our website
<https://langloissafety.com/> or users can use the link below:
<https://langloissafety.com/account/>



Users need to sign up (one time only), and then they will be prompted to activate their account by clicking the link automatically sent to their email.



Once they click that link, they will be redirected to the account dashboard page, where they will now see a link to the NCA Members Store -
<https://langloissafety.com/nca-members-store/>

They can now register for any course at the reduced NCA member price.



Credit card is the preferred payment method on their secure site. If a business does not want to pay via credit card, they must register over the phone (289-271-8623) and ask to be invoiced but they *must* mention they are an NCA member to qualify for reduced pricing. Once they have registered an account, they can purchase any course simply by logging in.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Email or 905-682-6661



What's New - [FEBRUARY 2020](#)

Ministry of Labour, Training & Skilled Trades [NEWSROOM](#)

Stay up to date with the latest industry safety news and training by clicking [here](#).

*Occupational Health and Safety Links and QR codes - [Click Here](#)

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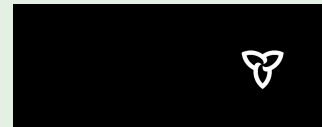
Compare health and safety statistics for businesses across the province [here](#).



FREE AODA training modules

These cover the requirements for providing employment in ways that are accessible to people with disabilities. Watch it, read it, hear it or present it. [Click Here](#)

Worker Health and Safety Awareness in 4 Steps



The Occupational health and safety awareness training provides a basic understanding of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), and does not replace any sector specific, hazard specific, or competency specific training.

For FREE workbook and online learning module, CLICK [HERE](#)

Supervisor Health and Safety Awareness in 5 Steps



The Occupational health and safety awareness training provides a basic understanding of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), and does not replace any sector specific, hazard specific, or competency specific training.

For FREE workbook and online learning module, CLICK [HERE](#)

What can an effective Respectful and Inclusive Workplace Program deliver?

- Become an employer of choice - attract, retain, and advance top talent from all sources of labour
- Unlock collaboration and innovation - create high-performing teams through diversity of thought and experience
- Build your brand - your organization will gain a competitive edge as a leader and innovator



RESPECTFUL WORKPLACES

BUILD FORCE CANADA

Your blueprint for success!

The BuildForce Canada Respectful Workplace Online Assessment Tool

RELEASE DATE - NOV. 7, 2018

The Respectful Workplace Assessment Tool allows organization leadership to assess their progress toward a Respectful and Inclusive Workplace and benchmark their progress confidentially against other construction organizations.

The BuildForce Canada Online Respectful and Inclusive Workplace Toolkit -

See what you can you do to ensure that leaders/managers and supervisors are knowledgeable (and continue to learn) about respectful and inclusive workplaces. Check out the latest blog: [Click Here](#)



Also now available:

- Confined Space Safety Awareness
- Pipeline Construction Safety Training

Contact our Office for [DETAILS](#) and to register:
905-682-6661



[Visit the NCA website](#)