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"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 <u>office</u> with your input, suggestions or safety questions. We value your feedback!

COVID-19 UPDATE TO MEMBERSHIP

The Niagara Construction Association (NCA) is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and and is ensuring that our members have up-to-date information by communicating through e-blast, social media posts, and our COVID-19 resources webpages **CLICK HERE** (please navigate the dropdown menu for industry-specific news & announcements, construction site guidelines, webinars, updates, information and links)



NCA INDUSTRY RESOURCES:

- Canadian Construction Association (CCA) COVID-19 Resources
- Council of Ontario Construction Associations (COCA) COVID-19 Resources

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- Ontario General Contractors' Association (OGCA) COVID-19 Resources
- IHSA COVID-19 Resources
- <u>WSIB COVID-19 Resources</u>
- <u>Niagara Region Public Health COVID-19 Resources</u>

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Special April COVID-19 Edition

This is a special edition of What's New,

mainly devoted to workplace issues related to the COVID-19 outbreak to help keep you safe and informed.

Click <u>HERE</u>



Protecting and promoting mental health during COVID-19



As businesses and individuals navigate the current COVID-19 situation, many people in our community are experiencing increased anxiety, stress and isolation. Now, more than ever, it is important to ensure that you are taking steps to promote and protect your own mental health, as well as the mental health of your workforce. Below are some valuable mental health tools and resources to utilize during this time of uncertainty.

Webinars and videos:

- Free webinars from Morneau Shepell
- Free webinar series from Mental Health Works

 Free video series around Mental Health and COVID-19, available from <u>Conference</u> <u>Board of Canada</u>

Resources

- <u>Responding to an employee with anxiety</u>
- <u>Tips to support mental health during COVID-19</u>
- Tips for stress and coping during COVID-19



Free Online First Aid Awareness Course from St. John Ambulance



Online Education Centre

Until May 31, 2020, St. John Ambulance Ontario is pleased to provide the online course entitled <u>First Aid Awareness</u>, offered free of charge (valued at \$14.95). An innovative, web-based delivery method for First Aid, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) theory and evaluation to refresh participants with the knowledge to confidently handle basic emergency situations until medical help arrives. This is not a certification or recertification course but may be used as a training aid to help refresh your First Aid knowledge if you have previously taken a First Aid certification course.



Working at Heights certification extended



The Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development and the Office of the Chief Prevention Officer has extended existing Working at Heights worker certifications.

Working at Heights training completed between February 28, 2017 and August 31, 2017 is valid for four years from the date of successful completion of the training program and will now have a one-year extension.

For the Province's WAH webpage click <u>HERE</u>. Regulation can be accessed <u>HERE</u>.

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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)



We remember those who died, or were injured or made ill, from their work

We commit to protecting workers and preventing further workplace tragedies CLICK HERE FOR FREE WSIB POSTERS, ETC. CLICK HERE FOR POSTERS FROM CCOHS

CLICK HERE FOR CCOHS SHAREABLE MESSAGES CLICK HERE FOR RELATED EVENTS

H&S Training at the NCA

Safety courses created to enhance health and safety awareness and help prevent injures to workers, e.g. Confined Space Safety Awareness, Pipeline Construction Safety Training and more



New Training Registration Procedure at the NCA

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

Please see the important message regarding training registration procedures on the above courses, click <u>HERE</u>



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Online H&S Training



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. <u>Click Here</u>

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.

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What can an effective Respectful and Inclusive Workplace Program deliver?

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 Unlock collaboration and innovation
- create high-performing teams through diversity of thought and experience
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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: <u>Click Here</u>

Also now available:

- Confined Space Safety Awareness
- Pipeline Construction Safety Training

Contact our Office for <u>DETAILS</u> and to register: 905-682-6661

Helpful Information



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 <u>PATHS initiative</u>, <u>Partners Aligned Together for Health and Safety</u>, formally making a stronger commitment to safety awareness and training.



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