



Safety Matters

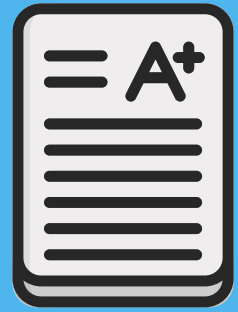


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Safety

How is your Safety Report Card? 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 2019, 925 workplace fatalities were recorded in Canada. 882 were male workers, and 43 were female workers. Among these deaths were 29 young workers aged 15-24.



- **April 11-12 is the Atlantic Workplace Health and Safety Conference!** Hosted by Safety Services NS, NB, and NL, we are bringing together the best of the best in the Safety community to discuss the future of our incredible field! Make sure to [register!](#)
- **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.
- **May 7 is the Steps for Life Threads of Life walking fundraiser** in Halifax at Point Pleasant Park which provides education and support for workers and family member who has been affected by a workplace tragedy. Check out the link for details and how to enter your team. Co-workers, family, friends and four legged friends welcome!
- **May 1-7 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!

Important Dates



Health and Wellness

April 7 is World Health Day. The World Health Organization (WHO) 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 2022 is Our Planet, our health. What small or large contribution is your company or organization making?

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?



COVID-19 Update

We are currently in Phase 3 of the Nova Scotia Reopening Plan! Currently, all gathering limits, social distancing, and mask restrictions have been lifted. This means that in **MOST** places, you are free to go back to your normal sense of life! Though some institutions still require masks such as schools and some businesses, these regulations will be lifted as time moves forward.

As for travel, destinations you are visiting may enforce strict lockdowns and/or limits on outgoing travel. You may also be subject to your destination's infection-management procedures, such as isolation, should you get COVID-19 while abroad. You may have limited access to timely and appropriate health care should you become ill. Make sure you read [this page](#) for more travel information

