

OH&S Safety Matters

Autumn Health & Safety

So often we make health and safety a short-term priority, but not actually a value for our organizations or ourselves. As you well know it is easy to get caught up in the "routine" of everyday work life and think less and less about health and safety.

Whether you are a construction worker, maintenance worker, mine worker, or an office clerk, it's all the same—we do what we have to do to get the job done. This usually means we don't always put the thought or emphasis on health and safety.

It can be a similar clash for corporations that are focused on and need to be focused on bottom line results, product inventory, or customers served. Health and safety can sometimes become an afterthought when the pace needs to pick up in order to hit the numbers. On the other hand, when we talk about health and safety within our boardrooms and during safety tailgate meeting we put safety at the forefront, we are demonstrating its significance. But, ultimately, that's just the beginning. How can we further show the value of health and safety?

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Health and safety programs are tools to help establish and enable a culture that promotes health and safety and puts workers first. The programs can provide a deeper understanding and clarity for how we should operate within our everyday work tasks and activities. Getting buy-in for health and safety is crucial in empowering the workforce and building a culture that truly values health and safety. Everyone should feel responsible for health and safety and cognizant of risks and potential risks in their surroundings. The closer we get to making it a value, the better we will be when working on the jobsite or at home.

As the air turns cooler and leaves drop from the trees, it's important to keep Autumn Health and Safety at the forefront of our minds.

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Pipeline Safety Program

Pipeline Construction Safety Orientation

Pipeline construction includes anyone who engages in, or who is responsible for construction activities that include but are not limited to surveying, staking, tree falling, right-of-way clearing, drilling, blasting, trench ditching, lifting pipe, stringing pipe, bending pipe, welding pipe, coating pipe, testing pipe, trench backfilling, site clean-up and reclamation.

The OH&S pipeline construction safety training program has been designed as an orientation for those who undertake pipeline construction work activities and is also intended for personnel who are required to supervise pipeline construction operations.

There are more than 840,000 km of transmission, and distribution pipelines in Canada including 117,000 km of large-diameter transmission lines with provinces having significant pipeline infrastructure. Of this amount, about 73,000 km are federally regulated pipelines, which are primarily transmission pipelines. Pipelines are generally buried underground and operate in both remote and populated areas, with major crude oil and natural gas pipelines servicing most major Canadian cities.

We all depend on the oil and gas industry pipelines for distribution of products such as natural gas, water and oil. There are more than 450,000 km of these distribution pipelines in Canada.

Pipelines transport refined and unrefined products that include natural gas, sour natural gas, liquid hydrocarbons (such as crude oil and high vapour pressure hydrocarbons), water and other miscellaneous gases.

Pipelines are recognized as a safe and economical mode of transport and essential to a secure pipeline operation is the protection of public safety, respecting those affected by oil and gas activity, and conserving the environment.

The oil and gas sector plays a significant role in maintaining the strength of Canada's economy. This sector directly and indirectly employs about 740,000 people, contributes nearly 11 percent of Canada's GDP and pays on average more than \$20 billion in taxes, and royalties to government each year.

The federal health and safety legislation is commonly referred to as the Canada Labour Code Part II and its regulations. Approximately 10% of the Canadian workforce falls under the OH&S jurisdiction of the federal government and the code applies to persons employed by pipeline companies.

The remaining 90% of workers fall under the legislation of the province or territory where they work.

Natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines that transport gasoline

and distillates such as diesel fuel and jet fuel all work basically in the same way. A product is put into the pipeline, pressure is applied, and the product is forced to flow toward an area of lower pressure. Pumps and compressors provide the force and pressure to move liquid and gas products through a pipeline system. Pumps are commonly associated with hazardous liquid pipelines; compressors are associated with gas pipelines. Pump & compressor stations house the pumps and compressors. Pump & compressor stations are placed at intervals along hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines where needed to sustain necessary pipeline pressures and flows.

Control centre operators use computerized systems to monitor and control the operation of the pipeline that is usually buried underground, line markers and warning signs are located at frequent intervals along pipeline rights-of-way (ROW). Pipeline companies are responsible for maintaining their rights-of-way to protect the public and environment, the line itself, and customers from loss of service. In addition, pipeline integrity management programs use tools and technologies to ensure that pipeline systems perform safely and reliably.

New Innovative Equipment Training Programs



Compact Excavator
Operator

With versatility and ease to operate, the compact excavator is capable of performing a wide range of tasks that include utility trenching, tree harvesting, repair digs, small scale excavation operations, digging graves, light demolition, home repair, renovation, and roadside applications. Compact Excavator operator training includes theory, hands-on, knowledge and practical evaluation. This program focuses compact excavator features and safety equipment; stability, driving with and without a load; ramps and grades; workplace specific hazards; shut down; the refuelling process and so much more.





Motor Grader Operator

A motor grader, also known as a road grader is a piece of heavy machinery used to create a smooth, wide, flat surface. Traditionally, the grader is used for maintenance of roads. Presently, these machines are also commonly used for fine grading, spreading, clearing debris and brush, earthmoving as well as for snow removal. A variety of attachments convert the motor grader into an even more versatile machine. The goal of this course is to help you better understand the operators responsibilities and show you how to protect the health and safety of you and your co-workers.





Production Loader
Operator

These are large pieces of mining equipment used for many tasks. A wheel loader is versatile and has a large capacity. You would use a large wheeled loader for building roads, preparing the jobsite, digging, carrying heavy loads, or moving materials. Only qualified personnel who have been trained in the inspection, application, and operation including recognition and avoidance of hazards shall operate a large wheeled loader. Training requirements include theory, hands-on, knowledge verification and practical evaluation. Get your training and authorization today.



Administrative Notes

Registry Services

The OH&S Training Registry database and quality assurance process helps to ensure that Training Centres, Instructors and Instructor Trainers are compliant with the Teaching and Accreditation Standard, occupational legislations and industry regulations. Its true that staying in compliance allows the OH&S Registry to authorize us to teach and issue students with certification cards.

In addition, a big part of what the registry does is to review classroom training records for accuracy.

If you have questions about any of the services that the Registry offers, or if you have any concerns about the Digital Document Transfer process for submitting your class documents to the Registry, please



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Along with the fall season comes shorter days, so make the extra effort to stay involved with your family to ensure that they stay safe and healthy this Autumn!

As always, we thank you for your continued dedication to safety training and we look forward to serving you!



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We appreciate your business, and look forward to working with you to achieve your safety training goals. Thank you!



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