



CCSA Newsletter | September 2020 Edition

Hang in there! These are trying times on the frontline of health and community care. CCSA is actively working on your behalf to navigate this rapidly changing environment.



Good News Story from AgeCare SkyPointe

Each month, we feature a good news story from one of our members.

The Health and Safety Committee at AgeCare SkyPointe works hard to do a thorough and timely investigation into reported incidents. This cross-disciplinary committee puts on their safety vests when they do an investigation. This creates a bit of fun, as well as an opportunity to engage with and educate staff.

- See the full good news story [here](#).
- See last month's good news story about Silvera [here](#).

Do you have a good news story? We want to hear it! Contact [CCSA](#).

Looking for feedback on the new Integrated Health and Safety Toolkit

Last month, we introduced the new [Integrated Health and Safety Toolkit](#), designed to take you from newbie to full COR certification. We'd appreciate your initial feedback on it.

- Take a [short survey now](#).



Collaborative OHS Member Discussion: What are OHS inspectors looking for?

On Aug. 26, [CCSA](#) and [ASCHA](#) hosted the second Collaborative OHS Member Discussion. Approximately 50 people attended via Zoom.

We were joined by Kevin Smadis, a manager with Alberta Occupational Health and Safety who leads a team of OHS officers serving the Calgary area. Here are the highlights of the presentation and links to the corresponding Alberta Labour and Immigration resources:

- **OHS Compliance Activities**
 - [Occupational health and safety program delivery enforcement policy](#)
 - [OHS Proactive Inspections Program](#)
 - In particular, the presentation highlighted:
 - During COVID-19, inspections are conducted remotely when possible.
 - Joint inspections with agencies such as [AHS](#) and [CFIA](#), particularly during outbreaks, has been successful.

- **Compliance Approach**
 - [OHS work site inspections: what to expect](#)

- **Compliance Priorities**
 - Inspections focus on: hazard assessment, health and safety committee/representatives, potential exposure to harmful substances, Chief Medical Officer of Health orders/guidelines/best practices and Worker(s) testing positive.

- **Officer Training**
 - [Role and duties of government occupational health and safety officers](#)
 - Officers have received extensive training, including health care training and are provided PPE.
 - CCSA has committed to continuing to work with OHS Program Delivery to inform and educate about the continuing care and seniors supportive living industries. This includes providing educational material, which can be provided to OHS Officers to provide further training and allow OHS Officers to speak about and ask appropriate questions when OHS Officers perform inspections.

If you have a question about OHS requirements or inspections, contact the CCSA team at OHS@ab-ccsa.ca. The next Collaborative OHS Member Discussion will take place on November 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.. We hope to see you there. [Contact our team](#) for more details.

COR Update

What exactly is a 'site-specific hazard assessment'?

Find out what a site-specific hazard assessment is, when it's necessary, and what auditors look for. It's all in this 'handy handout', which is part of the CCSA's new [Integrated Health and Safety Toolkit](#).



- Get the details about [site-specific hazard assessments](#).

LTC+: Acting on Pandemic Learning Together Program

The COVID-19 pandemic hit the long-term care (LTC) and retirement home sector in Canada especially hard. Eight in 10 COVID-19 related deaths have been in LTC, double the OECD average. However, some organizations are responding to the challenge of the pandemic in resourceful ways.

Report: The [Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement](#) (CFHI), together with the [Canadian Patient Safety Institute](#), released a report that focuses on promising practices in six key areas to help prepare for future outbreaks or mitigate their effects.

- Download the Next Steps in COVID-19 Response Report [here](#).

Program and potential seed money: Based on the findings of the report, the CFHI has launched a program to help support teams delivering healthcare for older adults in congregate setting. The goal is to plan and prepare for future outbreaks. It includes webinars, coaching, seed funding and more.

- Learn more and register [here](#).



ACCA Awards of Excellence - Call for nominations

Go for it! The Alberta Continuing Care Association (ACCA) 2020 Awards of Excellence is open for nominations. It celebrates individuals and organizations dedicated to improving the life of people in their care. Please submit

your application package by Friday, Oct. 9th. Winners will be announced at the ACCA Annual General Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19.

- Get the nomination form [here](#).

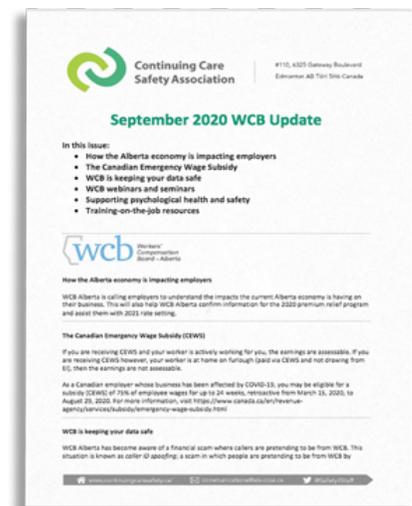


Important updates from WCB

There's so much great information from WCB this month, we've created a handout that summarizes the top six things you need to know. It covers:

- How the Alberta economy is impacting employers
- The Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy
- WCB is keeping your data safe
- WCB webinars and seminars
- Supporting psychological health and safety
- Training-on-the-job resources

Get the handout [here](#).



August issue of the WorkSIGHT Magazine

In case you missed the August issue, here are the headlines:

- Manage your WCB account and premiums online
- New disability management self-assessment tool
- Check your 2020 assessable earnings estimate

To subscribe to WCB Alberta's monthly WorkSIGHT Magazine or to see an issue, [click here](#).

Mark your calendars!



September is World Alzheimer's Month

In Canada, 564,000 people are currently living with some form of dementia. As many of our member organizations know, that number is growing. Each September, organizations around the world turn their focus to raising awareness and challenging the stigma that surrounds Alzheimer's and dementia.

- You can help. Download campaign materials [here](#).
- CCSA has useful resources as well. Find them [here](#).

September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day

The numbers are staggering. Each year, 160 million people worldwide contemplate suicide and, tragically, 800,000 of them die by suicide.

If we all do our part, we can prevent those deaths and the devastating impact that they have. Even small acts, like promoting awareness in your workplace, can make a huge difference and save a life. Check out these high-quality resources, including a downloadable infographic, toolkit, banners, etc.

- Download resources from the [Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention](#).

October

- [Occupational Therapy Month](#)
 - [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#) - Oct 4-10
 - [World Mental Health Day](#) - Oct 10
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Check out the latest courses offered by the CCSA, including:

CCSA courses are going virtual!

CCSA has expanded the courses we can now deliver via instructor-led virtual training. We will continue to offer both classroom and instructor-led virtual options as we move forward.

To learn more, click [here](#).

SAFETY TRAINING

- [Auditor Training](#)
- [Hazard Assessment & Control](#)
- [HS Committee / Rep](#)
- [Incident Investigation](#)
- [Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Combo \(SRH and MMH\)](#)
- [Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention – Manual Materials Handling \(MMH\)](#)
- [Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention – Safe Resident Handling \(SRH\)](#)
- [OHSMS: Basics for Auditors](#)
- [Root Cause Analysis In-service](#)
- [Work Site Inspections](#)
- WHMIS

SAFETY LEADERSHIP COURSES

- [Safety Leadership Module 1: Introduction to Health and Safety Leadership](#)
- [Safety Leadership Module 2: Leading Individual Safety Performance](#)
- [Safety Leadership Module 3: Effective Team Leadership](#)

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSES

- [Manual Materials Handling \(MMH\) Train-the-Trainer](#)
- [Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Train-the-Trainer Combo \(SRH & MMH\)](#)
- [Safe Resident Handling \(SRH\) Train-the-Trainer](#)

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE & AGGRESSION COURSES

- [Harassment and Bullying in the Workplace In-service](#)
- [Managing Workplace Violence and Aggression](#)
- [Mental Health and Wellness In-service](#)



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