

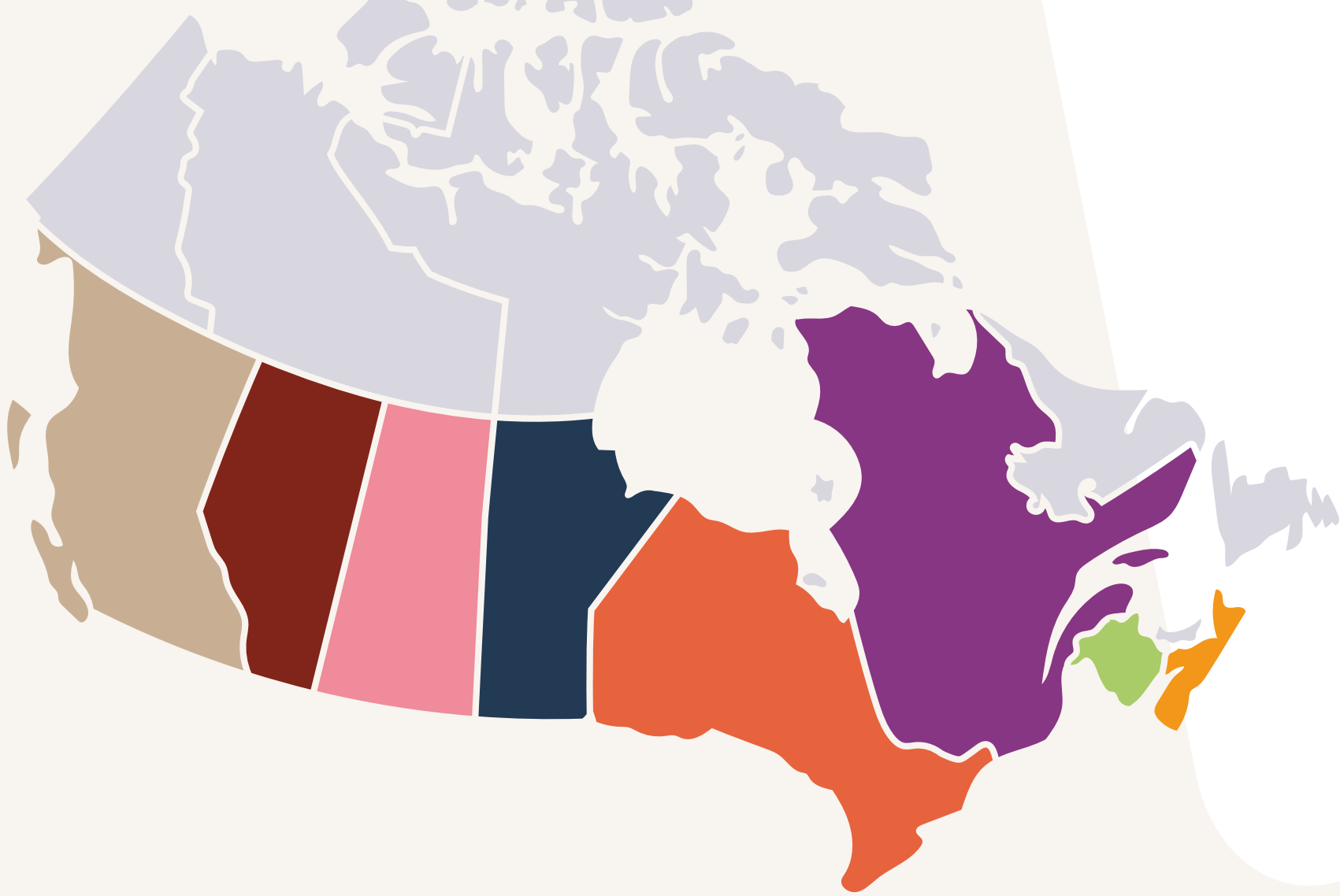


Coast to coast collaboration: for prevention and positive change

NASHH

National Alliance for Safety
and Health in Healthcare

In 2015, health and safety associations across Canada came together to form the National Alliance for Safety and Health in Healthcare (NASHH) to share knowledge, tools, and support that would address their common goals and increase their impact.



8 organizations
with shared purposes
working together
from the Westcoast
to the Eastcoast
of Canada

- SAFECARE BC (BRITISH COLUMBIA)
- CONTINUING CARE SAFETY ASSOCIATION (ALBERTA)
- SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION FOR SAFE WORKPLACES IN HEALTH
- MANITOBA ASSOCIATION FOR SAFETY IN HEALTHCARE
- PUBLIC SERVICES HEALTH & SAFETY ASSOCIATION (ONTARIO)
- QUEBEC JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION FOR THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR
- NEW BRUNSWICK CONTINUING CARE SAFETY ASSOCIATION
- AWARE-NS (NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SAFETY ASSOCIATION)



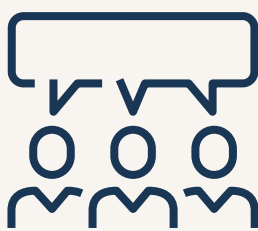
LEADERSHIP

Foster engagement
Inspire safety leadership



COLLABORATION

Encourage adoption of safe work practices
Increase knowledge and awareness



SHARED VISION

Normalize safety
Embed safety culture in healthcare

Healthcare in Canada

The Canadian healthcare sector is a growing sector in the Canadian economy and time loss injury rates for workers in this sector are alarmingly high. Healthcare safety associations across Canada have been working strategically to coordinate efforts and reduce the number of workplace injuries to healthcare workers. The presence of a health and safety association is supported provincially by regulators and employers in the industry.



Top Challenges during the pandemic



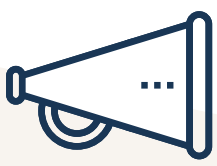
THE DESIRE FOR ROLE CLARITY OF SYSTEM PARTNERS

Connectivity and the dissemination of required information was a priority for many healthcare providers. Each province has its legislative and clinical parameters. The sharing of perspectives, tools and training initiatives helped to rapidly react and support the healthcare systems in each province.



EXPOSURE CONTROL PROGRAMS

Protecting oneself and others while maintaining the presence of healthcare workers required rapid acquisition of knowledge. The sharing across the country of such knowledge quickened the implementation of new protection practices.



VACCINATION PROMOTION AND EDUCATION

Faced with resistance to this protection method, promotion and education, sometimes by comparing with other provinces, helped in the increase of awareness and acceptance.



PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE)

The procurement, training and adaptation of practices surrounding PPE was one of the greatest challenges, requiring very quick adaptation and production of training material.



MENTAL HEALTH AND STRAIN

The spiraling effect of psychological risks that result in employee absences that increase the pressure on other workers, which in turn heighten the psychological risks to other workers.





Stronger together **because**

We share freely
and transparently all knowledge
and tools, which helped to adapt
more quickly across the country

Influencing
local decisions
positively by showcasing
success stories in
other provinces

The sharing of ideas
and good practices brought about
innovative solutions to propose
to the healthcare system

Collaboration on PPE
issues meant broadening everyone's
expertise and decreasing reaction time

The development
of learning material
and technical support tools
was quick and more efficient
by sharing and adapting
rather than reinventing

Complex issues
with multiple layers were
unraveled by combining our
knowledge and experience

