



# Continuing Care Safety Association

## September Health & Safety Minute

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### Only 10 Days Left to Nominate Your "Health & Safety Stars"



Nominate Health Care Aides who are the ["Health and Safety Stars"](#) in your organization. Give them a chance to win a 2-day all-expenses paid trip\* to the Hearts and Hands Conference, October 27th, 2023.

Click [here](#) to join the [Facebook Event](#) where we will hold the Live Random Winners Selection on **Monday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m.** Remember to like and follow [CCSA's FB page](#) where we provide access to valuable resources and a supportive community that enhances your caregiving skills, empowering frontline workers in delivering exceptional care to residents.

**The Nomination Window Closes on September 15, 2023.**

[Nominate now](#)

## New Free On-Demand Course: Situational Awareness in SSL

CCSA, in collaboration with [Meridian Housing Foundation](#), are delighted to announce that a new course, Situational Awareness in Seniors Supportive Living, is open for registration!

Developing situational awareness skills to optimize your decision-making is critical, as it can make a difference in avoiding injury and stress at work.



Join this 30-minute course, where [James Harris](#), Health & Safety Advisor at Meridian Housing Foundation, will help you to learn how to evaluate situational risk by walking through the 4 Pillars of Awareness: Resident, Environment, Task, and Yourself.

By the end of the course, you will have added effective insights and strategies to your risk-assessment toolbox. Start Learning Now!

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## Safety Segments: Standing Ergonomics

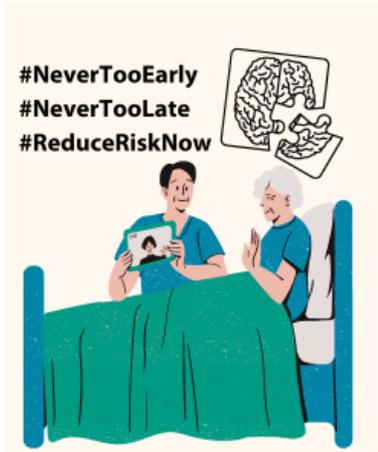
*Safety Segments offer information and resources you can use during safety huddles, team meetings, etc. The discussion guide pulls everything together.*

When ergonomics in the workplace is discussed, we often think of those sitting at a desk doing computer work; however, for those who are working in a standing position, ergonomics is just as important. These safety segments will help leaders promote a more ergonomically friendly environment. This will help workers who work in support service services, where standing is the only option to complete their work.



[Learn more](#)

## Safety Campaign: World Alzheimer's Month



September 2023 marks the 12th anniversary of [World Alzheimer's Month](#).

For those who work or care for persons with Alzheimer's or dementia, it often becomes a way of life. Whether you are working in supportive living or long-term care, many resident behaviours are affected because of these illnesses.

This month we want to remind you of how to safely care for residents who show responsive behaviours that may be caused by Alzheimer's or dementia.

[Read more](#)

## How Safety Associations can Play a Critically Important Role in Helping with Employee Retention - ACCA 2023 Annual Conference

A dark blue banner for the ACCA 2023 Annual Conference. On the left, it says 'ACCA 2023 Annual Conference OCTOBER 3-5 | EDMONTON AB'. In the center, it says 'Recover Retool Renew' and 'REGISTER TODAY'. On the right, there are two circular headshots of speakers: Dana Loeppky, Executive Director at CCSA, and Saleema Dhalla, CEO at SafeCare BC.

Join [Dana Loeppky](#), Executive Director for the [Continuing Care Safety Association](#) and [Saleema Dhalla](#), CEO for SafeCare BC for a thought-provoking overview of how their respective organizations are playing an important role in keeping care workers safe – and on the job. Injuries in the workplace is a key factor in employee absences and our panelists discuss the latest techniques, training sessions and strategies being deployed to reduce injury rates for continuing care workers in their respective jurisdictions.

[Register Today](#)

## EMS/811 Shared Response Announcement

Questions have come up regarding when a person should call 811 or 911. Now AHS has developed EMS/811 Shared Response. So, what does that mean? If you call 811 and the operator decides that your call is an emergency, they automatically transfer you to 911. Therefore, if you call 911 and the operator decides the call is non-urgent such as for earaches or small-grade fever, you will be transferred to Health Link 811 for further



assessment, guidance, and connection to care, through a Registered Nurse (RN). [The following video](#) was created to give information on the EMS/811 Shared Response.

## Nominate a Changemaker in Your Community for CMHA, Alberta Division's Mental Health Awards

Hundreds of volunteers across Alberta make mental health matter through their work. CMHA, Alberta Division's Mental Health Awards allow us to recognize the outstanding achievements of volunteers and organizations in our communities who are making changes and exemplify the spirit of CMHA, Alberta Division.

Award nominations close on October 1, 2023. Award recipients will be announced in January 2024. [Learn more and submit your nomination today!](#)



## Check out CCSA's Latest Courses

CCSA continues to offer instructor-led virtual training and can now accommodate classroom sessions.

[Check out our course descriptions and schedules](#)

Did you know that the CCSA is continuing to add more [FREE On-Demand webinars](#)? Check out our latest offerings!



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