

VOLUNTEER SAFETY TRAINING



Volunteers are a great resource, they donate their time and energy to your organization because they choose to. Volunteers are no different than staff, they can work in some of the same areas, be exposed to some of the same dangers and potentially different ones. We must educate them to understand all the hazards and risks in their positions. Whether it is a formal position and scheduled regularly or an informal position and are only there when you need someone - everyone needs to be trained.

A FEW TRAINING TIPS TO CONSIDER:

A volunteer orientation is a great place to start covering topics:

- ERP (Emergency Response Plan)
- Risk or Hazard Assessments
- Hazard reporting
- Hand Hygiene and PPE (if applicable)
- If ill - stay home
- Communication plan - who do they talk to if there is an issue

What else could they be exposed to:

- Chemicals
- Responsive Behaviours
- Wheelchairs
- Food Safety
- Family

Training needs to be provided for any risks that a volunteer may come in contact with. A thorough Job Description and Hazard Assessment will help in determining what training is needed.

