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The good news – more people than ever before are working in Saskatchewan. The not-so-good news – more workers are being injured. Each year, approximately 15,000 workers are off the job due to workplace injury or illness.

That's why we're asking every workplace to make a serious commitment to eliminating workplace injuries and illness. Saskatchewan Labour is committed to occupational health and safety. Here are five ways we can work together to create healthy and safe workplaces.



1. TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

Safe and healthy workplaces don't just happen. Committing to good health and safety work practices is the key. Everyone shares the responsibility for health and safety in the workplace. Those with the most authority to take action have the most responsibility.

We can help your workplace practice good health and safety. We can help you create the commitment needed to make it work. We have the information and training your workplace needs to get everyone involved.



2. MEETING STANDARDS

Health and safety standards are based on practical experience. Every workplace is expected to meet them. Your workplace is no exception. Protect yourself, your workplace and the people in it by learning the legal standards that apply to you and how to meet them.

We can help your workplace meet provincial standards. We have the information you need. A big part of our job is meeting with employers and workers at their worksites. We will work with you to identify and eliminate hazards that can cause injuries or illnesses.



3. GETTING HELP

Every workplace has hazards with the potential to cause injury or illness. Every workplace also has a legal obligation to reduce or eliminate those hazards before a tragedy occurs. Anytime you are unsure about the danger from a hazard, or how to manage it, it's up to you to find out what to do.

We can help with the technical and practical support your workplace needs for better risk management. We provide professional advice in areas such as air quality, toxicology, ergonomics and radiation. Whether it's a question about chemical or biological substances, evaluating work procedures or analyzing toxic substances, we have the expertise to help you.



4. REACHING NEW WORKERS

New and young workers are the future of Saskatchewan. Yet, workers under 25 years of age are much more likely to be injured on the job than older, more experienced workers. Every workplace is legally responsible for making sure new workers know how to do a job safely.

We help schools provide basic information on how to future workers to stay healthy and safe on the job. Your workplace can build on this knowledge by providing job-specific training on healthy and safe practices.



5. INCREASING AWARENESS

Reducing workplace injury and illness requires that health and safety is part of each and every workplace activity. Using best work practices and protecting each other builds strong workplaces... and improves the bottom line.

We can help your workplace be a leader by combining your experience and knowledge with ours. Making healthy and safe practices a cornerstone of your work makes good business sense. Together, we can reduce workplace injuries and illness.



TAKING ACTION CHECKLIST

- Is everyone at your workplace involved in health and safety?
- Does your workplace meet the health and safety standards?
- Does everyone at your workplace identify and participate in eliminating hazards?
- Are all new workers provided with job-specific training on healthy and safe practices?
- Is health and safety a part of your workplace culture?

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