

NEW "Overview of Health and Safety Programs" for Managers and Supervisors

Coming this Fall to a location near you will be a new half-day course designed to assist municipal managers and supervisors in understanding their role within the municipal health and safety program. This role has always been critical in developing and maintaining an effective program and changes to the Partnerships health and safety audit standard have emphasized this even more. The course will provide participants with an understanding of why their participation is so important and then discuss the specific types of activities required within each of the eight program elements. Further details will be provided with the AMHSA Fall Course Schedule that will be mailed out in August.

Survey Reminder

Just a reminder that in June we sent a copy of our 2000 Membership Survey to all municipalities. Response so far has been excellent. For those of you who haven't had a chance to respond yet, just a reminder that we would appreciate receiving your returned survey by August 25th. The information we gather from the surveys is important in ensuring we continue to meet our members' needs as we plan our activities for next year. If you require another copy of the survey, please contact our office.

Working Alone

In the June edition of the Municipal Safety News we reported that changes were coming to the General Safety Regulation and that a new provision dealing with workers who work by themselves would be implemented in June. Because of the complexity of this issue the timetable has been changed slightly and the new target date for implementation is the end of July. We will keep you updated.

CSTS Computer Available

If your municipality has been waiting for an opportunity to take the interactive computer based training program - CSTS - now is an ideal time. AMHSA has a computer available to be shipped out to an interested municipality so they can access this exciting training for the next few months. CSTS works well as part of an orientation program or as a refresher for experienced employees, particularly for outside workers. To arrange access to a computer or to obtain further information, please contact our office and talk to Rose-Ann or Dave.

Workplace Health and Safety Publications

For many years, Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Workplace Health and Safety, have been publishing booklets, bulletins, and pamphlets to provide information on workplace health and safety issues. These publications are now available through the internet. The following are samples of publications that may be of interest to municipalities:

- Worker Killed While Servicing Truck Tire
- How Much Can I Lift?
- Sitting and Preventing Back Injury

- Back Injury Prevention: An Ergonomic Approach
- Working in the Heat
- Respiratory Protective Equipment: An Employers' Guide
- Guidelines for Developing a Code of Practice for Respiratory Protective Equipment
- Chemical Hazards and Custodial Workers
- Health Effects of Solvent Exposure
- Health Effects of Pesticide Exposure
- Ammonia at the Work Site
- Chlorine at the Work Site
- A Welder's Guide to the Hazards of Welding Gasses and Fumes
- Sewer Entry Guidelines
- Trenching Safety
- Crane and Hoist Signals
- Fatigue, Extended Work Hours, and Safety in the Work Place
- An Explanation of the New First Aid Regulation
- Stress and the Worker
- The Impaired Worker
- Observe Overhead Power Supplies
- Safe Work Procedures for Highway Asphalt Paving Operations
- Chlorine Safety in Swimming Pools

If you have access to the internet you can print copies of these publications (and hundreds of others) directly from the web page at www.gov.ab.ca/lab/facts/ohs/index.html. If you would like, you can contact our office and we can send copies to you or you can contact your nearest Alberta Human Resources and Employment office.