

fall 2004

Upcoming Conferences

The **RUSA/ACSC/AMHSA Conference** is fast approaching! The annual health & safety and utility conference will be held in Red Deer on December 1st and 2nd. Topics for this conference include: effective road signage; preventing violence at work; musculoskeletal injury prevention; water and waste water requirements; substance abuse; and identity theft, to name a few. For more information or to get a registration form, give our office a call: 1-800-267-9764.

The Millard Health Centre in Edmonton is hosting a symposium November 17th on best practices in disability management. The purpose of the event is to bring together employers and other stakeholders to share their best practices. Speakers will present their success stories, challenges and strategies for disability management. For more information, go to the Millard Health Centre website at www.millardhealth.com.

Conferences Past

AMHSA attended the **Making In-Roads** - traffic safety conference in Edmonton last month. There were several interesting and thought provoking presentations including one made by the mother of a worker killed in a work related vehicle collision. The story of her son's death and the impact on their family was turned into a video, and the video was made available to conference delegates. AMHSA has a copy and would like to share it with you. If you would like to borrow the video for a week free of charge, give Lorraine a call.

AMHSA also had a booth in the trade show. Congratulations to trade show draw winners:

- Kevin Heppler, Mountain View County - AMHSA fleece vest
- Ryan Morton, Precision Drilling - AMHSA travel mug

New Publications

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety has produced two new publications:

- **Emergency Response Planning Guide:** this booklet is designed to help you develop a comprehensive emergency response plan (note that we're talking about a plan for your employees; not a municipal disaster plan). Remember that the Occupational Health and Safety Code requires that employers develop emergency response plans for any situation that may require rescue or evacuation. This booklet will give direction in
 - conducting a risk assessment
 - evaluating potential losses
 - identifying potential emergencies
 - developing a comprehensive response plan
 - developing a business continuity/recovery plan

- designing and conducting drills
- debriefing and continuous improvement
- **Mould in the Workplace - a Basic Guide:** this booklet provides basic information for recognizing mould, cleaning it up and preventing its growth. This booklet will enable you to
 - recognize mould and the conditions which are favourable for its growth
 - identify jobs that can potentially pose a risk of harmful mould exposure
 - plan workplace mould surveys to identify mould problems
 - understand how to clean up mould
 - understand when mould measurement and analysis are needed
 - interpret information learned in the analysis
 - develop a mould management and control program

These two new publications are part of a series of occupational health and safety guides that the CCOHS has published over the years. AMHSA carries these booklets and sells them to our members at the discounted price of \$5.00 per copy. Other booklets in the series that we carry include:

- **Groundskeepers Safety Guide**
- **Cold Weather Workers Safety Guide**
- **Office Ergonomics Safety Guide**
- **Indoor Air Quality Health and Safety Guide**
- **Violence in the Workplace Prevention Guide**
- **Welders Health and Safety Guide**
- **Noise Control in Industry: A Basic Guide**
- **Wellness in the Workplace**
- **Health and Safety Guide for Libraries**

To order any of these booklets, or for more information, call Lorraine at 1-800-267-9764 (or in the Edmonton area: 955-3701).