



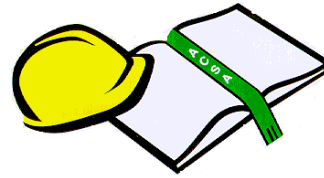
Volunteers from the ACSA, Work Safe and EPCOR gathered around the Work Safe for Life float on July 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Capital Ex parade.

Edmonton: #101 13025 St. Albert Trail NW  
Edmonton, AB, T5L 4H5

Calgary (Balzac): #101 292060 Wagon Wheel Link  
Rocky View, AB, T4A 0E2

Fort McMurray: #164A Thickwood Heights Shopping Center  
101 Signal Road, Fort McMurray, AB, T9H 4N5

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## Welcome

Welcome to the Alberta Construction Safety Association's newsletter. The purpose of this publication is to inform and update our Members and Associate Members of changes within our organization.

This summer the ACSA coordinated efforts with Work Safe for Life to enter a float in both the Calgary Stampede and Edmonton Capital Ex parades. Three common hazards were featured; we first highlighted "overhead power line awareness" with a power line constructed on the float, secondly was "fire and explosion" represented by a mini gas plant on the float and thirdly "fall hazards" were represented by a workers wearing fall protection. There was also a reference to over exposure to the sun's harmful rays which can lead to skin and other types of cancer. This was included to raise awareness to recognize and control this invisible hazard

This is the fourth year Work Safe has entered a float into the Stampede parade and the first year for the Capital Ex parade. We have previously won two third place finishes and an honorable mention.

Our float took second place in the Calgary Stampede "Most Creative" competition and wowed over 250,000 spectators in Edmonton on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

Elliott Irwin, of the Calgary ACSA office, spearheaded this effort and helped to organize and contribute to more than 900 hours of volunteer work to bring this "Stop Think Act" message to Albertans.



Alberta's Auditor-General claims erroneous OHS figures, which were supplied by the Employment and Immigration department, reinforces his call for improvements.

Merwan Saher, Alberta's Auditor-General, has acknowledged that in his April 15<sup>th</sup> report the number of companies with an above-average workplace injury rates was inflated.

The report claimed that 63 of Alberta's employers had a rate of injury average three to four times the provincial average, and had failed to comply with occupational health and safety orders for a year or more.

The numbers were based on statistics derived from the department of Employment and Immigration; however the department recently admitted that this erroneous number was due to administrative errors. Re-inspections evidencing compliance with occupational health and safety standards were not updated.

Merwan Saher says that this error supports his position and recommendation that the Employment and Immigration department needs to implement a new system of monitoring and enforcing OHS compliance. See the full report at <http://www.oag.ab.ca>

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The next course date for **Loss Prevention and Control for Executives** has been confirmed for September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Please contact Anna or Amanda at 780 453 3311 or 1 800 661 2272 for information.

## REMINDER RE: Flagperson Apparel

### Alberta Transportation Flagperson Apparel

Flagpersons will wear coveralls which meet Class 3 Level 2 requirements of CSA Z96-02, High Visibility Apparel.

The color of the coveralls will be fluorescent yellow-green with silver reflective striping. The striping must be a minimum of 50 mm wide and shall be sewn onto a 100 mm wide red-orange background material.

Flagpersons will also wear fluorescent orange headgear, and will be equipped with the traffic control paddles specified in the latest edition of Alberta Transportation's Traffic Accommodation in Work Zones manual.

Where **no foreseeable risk** of head injury exists, flagpersons will be permitted to wear any type of fluorescent orange headgear.

Where there is a foreseeable risk of injury to a worker's head, flagpersons will wear fluorescent orange protective hardhats meeting the requirements of CSA Standard Z94.1-92.

The lime yellow coveralls are intended to differentiate the flagperson from the rest of the construction crew, so motorists recognize them, and know that they need to follow their directions. To create the greatest amount of visual segregation in construction zone apparel, the ARHCA safety committee recommends that all other workers in the construction area wear orange vests, which meet Class 2 requirements of CSA Z96-02, High Visibility Apparel.

***Please remind your site crews that yellow-green coveralls and vests are to be worn ONLY by flagpersons and ONLY for the purpose of traffic accommodation.***

*Originally circulated June 2005, updated June 2010. The pilot project for this clothing was completed successfully during the 2004 construction season by AT and Volker Stevin Contracting.*