



## Welcome

A new report titled "Success is No Accident: Declining Workplace Safety among Federal Jurisdiction Employers" by the **Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA)** illustrates an increase of disabling injuries in federally-regulated workplaces yet a decline in provincially-regulated workplaces.

What does this mean to us in Alberta? The report claims that *"(in Alberta) the federal jurisdiction DIIR has gone from being almost 31% lower than the provincial rate in 2002 to being 24% higher only five years later. At the same time that the provincial jurisdiction disabling injury rate in Alberta fell 31% from 2.86 to 1.96, the federal jurisdiction rate exploded from 2.02 to 2.43 – up 20%...Whether in Quebec with a relatively high DIIR or in Ontario with a relatively low one, most provinces have managed substantial reductions in workplace disabling injuries."*

Though ultimately our goal is to lower the DIIR in all provinces and work sites including federally and provincially-regulated workplaces, this report highlights Alberta's achievements. The ACSA is proud to support the message of making safety a way of life; statistics like these which indicate positive results continue to motivate us as organization.

For more information or to view the report in full see the **Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives** website [here](http://www.policyalternatives.ca) or copy and paste <http://www.policyalternatives.ca> into your browser.

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.

The Alberta Construction Safety Association (ACSA) exists to provide goods and services to those working within the construction industry.

As part of our continued commitment to making Alberta the safest place to work we strive to provide a variety of resources geared towards helping our Members pass on the most accurate, current and useful safety information to their workers. Available resources include; safety literature in the form of videos and DVDs, periodicals and the ACSA published "Advisor" magazine, WHMIS, Flagger and Transportation of Dangerous Goods training material, sample Safe Work Practices, the Small Employer Ride Along program, Field Level Risk Assessment check lists and electronic Audit documents.



On May 27, 2010 the Edmonton ACSA hosted Edmonton Calder MLA Doug Elniski and Minister of Internal and Intergovernmental Relations, the Hon. Iris Evans. Their visit presented an excellent opportunity for the ACSA to present the positive aspects of safety in the workplace and the continued achievements of Alberta as a safe and productive province.

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## Did you know?

Occupational fatalities in Alberta went down from 166 in 2008 to 110 in 2009? Let's continue to work together to reduce this number.

## Did you know?

The Respect in the Workplace Committee (RITWP) has developed a Workplace Respect Model Policy, Toolkit and Hand Book which cover such issues as:

- What is a Respectful Workplace?
- Cultural Awareness.
- Harassment, Bullying, Violence and Discrimination.

Visit <http://www.ritwp.ca> for more information and to obtain a copy of this Toolkit for YOUR workplace!

## Remember:

The ACSA's Auditor Training Program is changing from a 2-day format to a 3-day format beginning on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Keep this mind when registering for the NCSO or HAS program. Need to recertify for your Auditor Status? Give our toll free number a call for questions regarding recertification, registration or general audit inquiries: 1-800-661-2272

## CSTS-09 Upgrade Free to Existing CSTS Certificate Holders

The ACSA has released a new version of Construction Safety Training System (CSTS-09) with new video, graphics and new and updated course content. An upgrade is being made available for those interested in upgrading their certification to the new version. All students who have completed CSTS v3.2 between Jan. 1st, 2004 and October 31st, 2010 and have an ACSA registered completion certificate will be able to take this online course free of charge. The training is done individually and will take, on average, 1.5 - 2 hours to complete. Students who complete the upgrade course will receive a CSTS-09U certificate from the ACSA.

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In April of 2010 Thomas Lukaszuk, Alberta's Minister of Employment and Immigration spoke about workplace safety statistics. The reported statistics represent a decrease in fatalities and a record low of on-the-job injury rates for 2009.

Visit <http://www.employment.alberta.ca> for more information about workplace safety statistics.

Also, check out this [link](#) for more of Alberta statistics regarding workplaces, labor, health and safety.

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**“MAKING SAFETY A WAY OF LIFE”**