

HSE Newsletter

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NEW – Noise Control and Hearing Conservation Program

This program ensures that BCIT is compliant with the requirements of *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (Part 7 Section 7.5)* and to prevent noise-induced hearing loss. This Program includes Roles and Responsibilities, education and training required, and different types of hearing protection.



NEW - Lead Management Program

The Lead Management Program has been finalized and is available on the [BCIT HSE Sharespace](#). The Program outlines the hazards, assessment, documentation, and procedure requirements for working with products that contain lead. Lead is considered a designated substance by WorkSafeBC due to its toxic effects with both acute and chronic exposures, and as such exposures to lead must be kept as low as reasonably achievable. Lead can be found on surface coatings at BCIT (e.g. paints), but can also be found in piping, soldering products and other items. Included in ShareSpace, are templates for a lead exposure control plan (ECP) and work procedures. Departments who work with lead are required to have a lead ECP and work procedures describing these activities; please contact ssemhse@bcit.ca for questions or assistance with your department's needs.

NEW Finding your Fire Warden

Monthly Fire Warden reports will no longer be uploaded to ShareSpace, but is replaced by a great new feature, where live information can be found in Cherwell. To find your fire warden and other fire safety information, please refer [here](#). Click on the campus that you'd like to see the fire warden names and locations.



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BCIT OHS: ssemhse@bcit.ca

WHY THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT NEWSLETTER?

Health and Safety is a priority at BCIT. HSE newsletters contain first aid statistics, compliance concerns, and updates of new legislation and interest articles.



Changes to the HSE Division Website Pages

- Content has been updated on the [Biological Hazards](#) and [Chemical Management](#) pages.
- A new page has been added for [Physical Hazards](#).
- Biological Hazards, Chemical Management and Physical Hazards pages now provide links to exposure control plans on ShareSpace.
- [Radiation Safety](#) has been condensed into one page and includes updated contact information.

Mandatory OHS Education/Training

The goal is for all new employees is to complete their mandatory OHS courses within 30 days of starting at BCIT.

2023, Q1	Total # employees	Total employees Completed course	Employees completed within 30 days of hire	% total complete within 30 days of hire	% total complete
Employee OHS Orientation	230	173	165	71.7%	75.2%
WHMIS	230	188	174	75.7%	81.7%
Supervisor OHS Skills	11	7	6	54.5%	63.3%

If you would like a breakdown for your Department/School, please contact Anna Matheson at amatheson10@bcit.ca

Employee First Aid Statistics

