

HSE Newsletter

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For COVID-19 updates, refer to [Breaking News](#).

For more information, contact covidinfo@bcit.ca

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees

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A Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC):

- has worker representation selected by their bargaining units
- has employer representation selected by BCIT
- meets at least monthly
- works together to resolve safety issues
- mandated by the [Workers Compensation Act \(WCA\) Part 2, Division 5](#)

There are 11 JOHSCs on the Burnaby Campus: one coordinating JOHSC and 10 JOHSCs formed to support Department or School functional areas. There is also one at each of the specialty (satellite) campuses.

The last three months of [JOHSC meeting minutes](#) are required by the WCA to be posted in the workplace, and at BCIT, they are posted on ShareSpace.

Why is it important to you?

Becoming a member of a JOHSC is a way to participate in the workplace and contribute to building an organizational culture which includes safety. You can be part of the solution to resolve health and safety issues. If you are interested in volunteering for a JOHSC, contact your shop steward or your leader, as appropriate

For more information about JOHSCs, refer [here](#) or contact ssemhse@bcit.ca.

Ladder Safety Program

There is a new Ladder Safety Program and ladder inspection checklist available [here](#). If you use ladders, either extension or step ladders, there will soon be an online course available to provide education regarding the safe use of ladders. Please contact ssemhse@bcit.ca for more information.

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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.



Day of Mourning, April 28, 2022

We remember the 161 B.C. workers who lost their lives in 2021

On April 28, workers, families, and employers will gather at commemorative ceremonies across the province to honour the 161 B.C. workers who lost their lives last year due to workplace injury and disease.

When you lose a loved one, the pain never goes away. Join us as we reflect on those we've lost, and renew our commitment to creating healthy and safe workplaces for everyone. Whether you're an employer, supervisor, prime contractor, or worker, you have a role to play in keeping the workplace safe.

A public Day of Mourning ceremony will take place at Jack Poole Plaza in downtown Vancouver at 10:30 a.m., with the Olympic Cauldron being lit in honour of the day. A livestream of the event will be available at dayofmourning.bc.ca.

For a list of ceremonies taking place around the province, or to order complimentary decals and posters, please visit dayofmourning.bc.ca.

Day of Mourning decals are available for pick up at Campus Security and at the Burnaby Campus library.

Safety and Health Week, May 1 to 7

Safety and Health Week is an ideal time for employers, employees, partners, and the public to focus on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home, and in the community. This year it's occurring from May 1 to 7 with the theme of "Together we can create safe workplaces and communities". NAOSH Week was first launched in June 1997 during negotiations at the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), between the United States, Canada and Mexico. The Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) is the officially recognized by Labour Canada as the safety organization responsible for NAOSH (North American Occupational Safety and Health) Week, which is now branded Safety and Health Week.

For more information refer to [Safety and Health Week 2022](#).

First Aid Statistics

