



Backgrounder

About go2

go2 is an independent, non-profit industry association that works with B.C. tourism and hospitality employers, employees, career seekers, educators, and government on human resources issues impacting the tourism and hospitality industry in the province.

go2's mission is to support BC's tourism and hospitality operators in building a workforce that enables business success.

Why does the tourism and hospitality industry need an organization to take on a safety program?

Safety programs are effective in strengthening health and safety knowledge in industry, training and educating workers, and helping find solutions to industry-specific issues. go2 will help WorkSafeBC further reduce injuries and accidents in the tourism and hospitality industry and promote a safe and prompt return to work for injured workers.

What will be go2's role?

go2 will form a health and safety division to address those issues in the tourism and hospitality industry. The division will reduce the industry's injury rate by evaluating the root causes of injuries and fatalities, by developing reasonable and practical cost-effective solutions to those problems and then promoting their use.

Another key component of the health and safety division's plan includes implementing and administering a Certificate of Recognition program which will offer financial incentives to employers in the industry who establish health and safety management systems which pass a safety audit.

How will go2's health and safety division be funded?

BC employers currently registered under hotels, restaurants, pubs, bars, and ski hills classifications will fund go2's health and safety division through an additional levy of 1/2 cent per \$100 of assessable payroll.

Who will have access to go2's health and safety division services and resources?

Initially, B.C. employers registered in the hotels, restaurants, pubs, bars, and ski hill classifications will be the main focus of go2's health and safety programs and resources. However, go2 will work with WorkSafeBC to promote their services to all tourism and hospitality industry workplaces across B.C. The common goal of WorkSafeBC and the go2 health and safety division will be that it becomes the centralized health and safety resource for all tourism and hospitality industry employers and workers.

For more information about go2 or the health and safety division, visit www.go2hr.ca or contact John Leschyson at 604-633-9787 ext. 225.