



Day of Mourning

We remember the **142** workers in B.C. who lost their lives to workplace injury and illness in 2011

British Columbians to pay tribute to fallen workers at Day of Mourning ceremonies

Richmond, B.C., April 23, 2012 — Workers, employers, and families across the province will be coming together on Friday and Saturday for annual Day of Mourning ceremonies, commemorating those who have died on the job.

April 28th has been designated the Day of Mourning every year since it was first observed by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1984. Canada became the first country to formally recognize the event in 1991, and countries around the world are now involved.

Some communities and organizations are holding Day of Mourning ceremonies on Friday, April 27th this year so workplaces can participate. For a list of Day of Mourning events around B.C., visit WorkSafeBC.com.

WorkSafeBC, the British Columbia Federation of Labour, and the Business Council of British Columbia will be co-hosting a special gathering in Vancouver, where the Olympic Cauldron will be re-ignited to honour fallen workers.

Date: Friday, April 27, 2012

Time: 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Speakers: Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government
David Anderson, WorkSafeBC President and CEO
George Morfitt, Chair of WorkSafeBC's Board of Directors
Jim Sinclair, President of the British Columbia Federation of Labour
Greg D'Avignon, President and CEO of the Business Council of British Columbia
Michael Lovett, injured worker
Rosemarie Lachnit, mother of fatally injured worker

Location: Jack Poole Plaza
Thurlow & Canada Place, beside the Vancouver Convention Centre
Vancouver, B.C.

The Vancouver ceremony will also be webcast live on WorkSafeBC.com so people who cannot attend their local ceremonies will be able to watch from anywhere in the world and be a part of the proceedings.

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