



## Canada

- The national Day of Mourning is observed in Canada on April 28. The day honours the memory of workers who have been killed, injured, or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents.
- The Canadian Labour Congress first recognized the Day of Mourning in 1984. In 1990, this day became a national observance with the passing of the Workers Mourning Day Act, and on April 28, 1991, the federal government officially proclaimed the national Day of Mourning.
- Canada was the first nation to recognize the Day of Mourning and since 1984, acknowledgement of the day has spread to many countries and is now observed throughout the world.
- Typically, the Canadian flag on Parliament Hill is flown at half-mast, and workers and employees observe the day in various ways including wearing ribbons, lighting candles, and observing moments of silence.

## British Columbia

- Since 1997, the BC Federation of Labour, the Business Council of British Columbia and WorkSafeBC have co-hosted a public commemorative ceremony for the Day of Mourning in Vancouver, B.C. In 2011, a joint ceremony will be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre, Jack Poole Plaza, where the *Line of Work* dedication to B.C. workers is located.
- In 2001, WorkSafeBC, the BC Federation of Labour, and the Business Council of British Columbia dedicated a permanent workers' memorial in the Sanctuary in Hastings Park, Vancouver.
- There are approximately 45 permanent worker memorial sites sponsored by WorkSafeBC in British Columbia.
- On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Olympic Cauldron in Vancouver will be lit from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at Jack Poole Plaza in honour of the day.
- The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 213 and the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (COPE) 378 have generously contributed to the lighting of the Olympic Cauldron this year in commemoration of the day.
- Tens of thousands of workers and employers will wear Day of Mourning decals at ceremonies across the province. For a list of ceremonies taking place in B.C., visit **WorkSafeBC.com**