

injured young worker speakers network



Speaker Josh Dueck, Paralympic athlete

and I've learned from it

BOOK A SPEAKER TODAY

Our speakers have each endured a critical accident on the job, sustaining injuries most of us cannot even imagine. By sharing their experiences, they motivate others to think about the risks we all face at work, the impact of split-second decisions, and the role that every person plays in keeping young people safe.

Each speaker has a unique, powerful – and, at times, heart-wrenching – story that's sure to change how you look at your role in the workplace.

To learn more, go to

> <http://www2.worksafebc.com/Topics/YoungWorker/Resources-Speakers.asp>

To check availability or to book one of our speakers, phone

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The voice of experience. It's the voice that says *I've lived it, I know what it's like,*

WorkSafeBC has gathered a team of injured young workers who can bring that voice of experience to your classroom, your parent advisory council, your youth group, or to your workplace.

Book a speaker through the WorkSafeBC Speakers Network and you will hear a first-hand account of what it truly means to live through a serious workplace accident and the profound impact of that life-changing event on an injured worker's friends, family, employer, and co-workers.



Stories of
trauma, recovery,
and inspiration

*It really made me think about the future I have
and what the risks are.*

– B.C. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

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FREE TO SCHOOLS AND PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

The Speakers Network was created primarily to assist secondary schools and parent advisory councils interested in scheduling speakers on the issue of young worker health and safety.

Presentations are typically one-hour in length, although they can be longer or shorter as needed. Please consider wheelchair accessibility when scheduling a presentation.

For a fee, our speakers are also available to groups other than schools and parent advisory councils.

OTHER SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

We also coordinate presentations from WorkSafeBC officers, and can put you in touch with a range of speakers, including industry and labour representatives and health and safety professionals.

> For more information, please visit the Speakers Network web site at <http://www2.worksafebc.com/Topics/YoungWorker/Resources-Speakers.asp>

I know the students were very interested in your story, and although you must have told it many times before, your delivery of it is very riveting. We won't soon forget you and the lessons you teach.

– VANCOUVER UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR

Now that I have heard your story, I have more courage to ask more questions when I get a job of my own, and to ask for help if I need it.

– B.C. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

He not only convinced me to be safer with the things I do at work and in life, but also to follow my dreams and not give up.

– B.C. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT



I wake up every morning and in my head I think: another second of that conveyor running and I might not have a leg to put a prosthetic on. Another second after that, I might not be alive. Two seconds. I wake up every morning with that thought in my head.

– MICHAEL LOVETT

Michael lost his leg in a sawmill accident when he was 18. He now wears a prosthetic. Every year, Michael tours schools and workplaces, speaking at more than 100 separate events.

You touched my heart and made that hour and a half one of the most memorable times of my life. Your story is both amazing and miraculous.

– BC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT



Yeah, I had warnings, but I didn't heed them.

– JOSH DUECK

Injured while working on a ski hill, Josh is competing again and training for the 2010 Paralympic Games. Book Josh for a presentation that inspires listeners to stay safe at work – and aspire to greatness!



All that independence that you worked so hard to gain can be taken away from you in a snap of your fingers. Know your rights at work, because you can get hurt. Just look at what happened to me.

– NICK PERRY

At age 19, 1,200 kilograms of sheet lumber fell on Nick's back, rendering him an incomplete paraplegic. Last year, Nick shared his story with close to 6,000 youth through the Speakers Network.



I knew there were things I would never do, things I would have to learn to do all over again. I resigned myself to never having a girlfriend or a wife. Who'd want to be with a guy like me?

– MEL CAMILLI

Both of his legs were crushed beyond repair in a logging accident when he was 21 years old. Mel is now a programmer analyst at WorkSafeBC, a prolific speaker, and a husband and father of two.

our team of speakers