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## Lost lives honoured and remembered

On average, three workers die each week in B.C. Some are as young as 15. To honour their memory and underline the importance of workplace safety, the Business Council of B.C., B.C. Federation of Labour, and WorkSafeBC co-host the province's Day of Mourning ceremony every year on April 28. This year, the ceremony will be held for the first time at the Vancouver Convention Centre, alongside Line of Work – a permanent sculpture paying tribute to the working men and women who helped build this province. Outside Vancouver, other ceremonies will take place in Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Prince George, and Victoria. For more information, visit [WorkSafeBC.com](http://WorkSafeBC.com).

## Province-wide public hearings coming soon

During May and June, WorkSafeBC will be holding public hearings across B.C. to receive your feedback on 14 proposed amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. The hearings come on the heels of a broad consultation with employers and workers, whose representatives provided feedback on the proposed amendments. Since then, WorkSafeBC's Policy and Research Division has reviewed the feedback and made some changes to the proposals in preparation for the spring hearings. For more information about the hearing dates and locations, visit [WorkSafeBC.com](http://WorkSafeBC.com), and check the announcements on the home page.

## Your chance to shape our policies and programs

Anytime you or your employees have feedback on WorkSafeBC's policies and programs, we want to hear from you. That's why we formed the Policy and Practice Consultative Committee. Its purpose is to raise issues of policy, regulation, and practice with WorkSafeBC's senior executive – issues that matter to you. The committee is composed of representatives from the employer and worker community and meets monthly to discuss feedback from employers and workers and set priorities accordingly. To find out who these representatives are, visit [WorkSafeBC.com](http://WorkSafeBC.com), click on the Regulation & Policy tab at the top of the screen, click on Policy and Practice Consultative Committee, and then select "committee member information."

## TIME SAVER



## Online injury reporting tailored to your needs

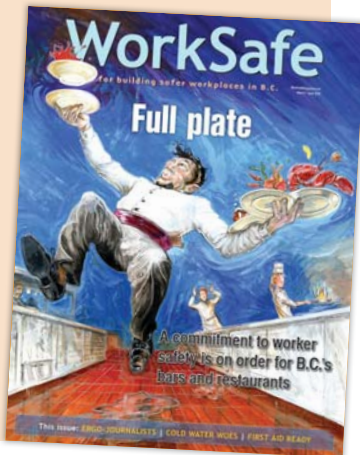
Online injury reporting is better and easier than ever. The next time you log on to submit an injury report – known as Form 7 – you'll notice you can now enter the name of a contact person and the classification unit for the injury. Plus, the form includes a section for more details about the injury, and a drop-down list of B.C.'s operating locations. As well, we've expanded the tool's searching and viewing capabilities, so you'll find it easier to track and follow-up on your firm's injuries. To sign-up for this service, and many others, visit [WorkSafeBC.com](http://WorkSafeBC.com) and click on Sign up for Online Services.

## Celebrate your firm's commitment to safety

Here's your chance to showcase your firm's commitment to safety. From May 2 to 8, workplaces across B.C. will be hosting a range of events to commemorate Safety and Health Week. North America's Occupational Health and Safety (NAOSH) Week is designed to capture the attention of employers, employees, and the general public on the importance of injury and illness prevention in the workplace, at home, and in the community. To learn more, visit NAOSH's web site at [www.naosh.ca](http://www.naosh.ca). To find out how you can win recognition for your firm's participation in Safety and Health Week, visit [www.csse.org](http://www.csse.org). For information about B.C.'s NAOSH awards competition, see [WorkSafeBC.com](http://WorkSafeBC.com).

## In the March/April issue of WorkSafe Magazine

Bar and restaurant employers have their hands full when it comes to battling a historically high injury rate. For more on this industry's latest efforts to reduce workplace MSIs, slips, trips, falls, strains, sprains, and burns, see this month's issue of *WorkSafe Magazine*. To learn more, visit [WorkSafeMagazine.com](http://WorkSafeMagazine.com).



## Employer Service Centre earns your approval

It looks like our Employer Service Centre is responding to your needs – and we're glad to hear it. In fact, 86 percent of surveyed employers gave the centre a good or very good rating for 2009, compared to a 67 percent positive rating two years before. You've told us you're particularly satisfied with the centre's convenience. And you rated centre staff as high as 95 percent positive for their knowledge, skill, and professionalism. We appreciate your feedback; it inspires us to work even harder to give you the best possible service. The centre offers a one-stop point of contact to register your business, inquire about payments, or discuss your classification.

## Calendar of events

### 2010 Western Conference on Safety

April 12–13  
Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, B.C.  
[www.pacificsafetycenter.com/wcs10](http://www.pacificsafetycenter.com/wcs10)

### Day of Mourning

April 28  
[WorkSafeBC.com](http://WorkSafeBC.com)

### NAOSH Safety & Health Week

May 2–8  
[www.naosh.ca](http://www.naosh.ca)

### Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health Conference

May 28–29  
Toronto  
<http://carwh2010.iwh.on.ca>

## Did You Know?

*In 2009, nearly 50 percent of worker deaths were caused by occupational disease.*



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- Human Resources 604 276-3009, toll-free 1 888 757-5552
- Fraud Tip Line 604 276-3295, toll-free 1 877 523-3315
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