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Equity Plumbing and Heating Ltd. strongly supports the training of new and young workers. This is necessary if these workers are to understand the hazards of the job and learn to control them. We also support the documentation of this initial training. This provides an element of Due Diligence and proof that the training has been done.

However, we oppose the proposed requirement of the written assessment and documentation of the new or young worker's safety performance every two months for the first six months. This is an unreasonable amount of paperwork that would create an administration nightmare.

The ongoing assessment of new and young workers is not practical in an industry where the work force is very transient. An employer with 20 full time employees could have as many as 80 workers cycle through those positions each year.

The Construction Industry has already taken the initiative on new and young workers. The Safety Association of BC in cooperation with WorkSafeBC offers a Certificate of Recognition Program which includes interactive computer based training. The 12 elements of this training program include the proposed requirements for training and built-in verification and documentation. CSABC offers this program in all regions of BC.

Regards

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