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Join Us For a Conversation That Matters



Safety and Health. For us at Actsafes, it's all about enabling people to stay safe so they can live healthy and fulfilling lives. One of the keys to safe workplaces is leadership. And to enable the leaders in our industry to work together towards a stronger industry-wide safety culture, Actsafes is hosting our second Producer, Production Manager and Supervisor dialogue.

In March 2010, we held our first Production Manager and Department Head forum. Comments from attendees included: "Excellent! I hope this is the first of many to follow!", "An exceptional opportunity", "More of this kind of thing is needed."

For our second conversation, we are bringing members from ACFC, AMPTP, CFTPA, DGC, IATSE 669 & 891, Teamsters 155, and UBCP together to explore

the issues affecting safety and health in our industry and to look towards a healthy future for our industry.

Are you a producer, a production manager, a department head or in a supervisory position? Contribute your passion to shifting the context for health and safety in our industry. Join us on Monday, September 13, 1:30-5:00pm. at the Shadbolt Centre, 6450 Deer Lake Ave, Burnaby.

Email rsvp@actsafe.ca with your name and industry affiliation to book your seat. Join us for a conversation that matters.

As one attendee at the March session wrote, it is through industry engagement in this work that "a brave new world will emerge".

Canister Adhesives Follow-Up

In our June/July newsletter, we published an article on canister adhesives which identified specific concerns regarding the use of Sta-Put, a popular adhesive in use in the motion picture industry.

This MSDS for this product identifies it as having a Hazard Designation Xn-Harmful which means: *Substances and preparations which may cause death or acute or chronic damage to health when inhaled, swallowed or absorbed via the skin.*

The designation of a product as Xn-Harmful indicates a significant level of risk. Our recommendation is that the motion picture industry NOT use products with this rating. There are alternatives to Sta-Put available. Actsafe has created a one page document outlining the above hazards, which also suggests several safer alternatives that are available for use. You can find the document on our website (www.actsafe.ca) by searching the term "Canister Adhesives".

If you insist on using this and similar products, you MUST follow the manufacturer's instructions. Have the Material Safety Data Sheet readily available and pay particular attention to Part 4 Hazards Identification and Part 4 Exposure Controls/Personal Protection before using.

Always read the MSDS Sheet for products you use. We suggest that when faced with products designated Xn-Harmful, you put your health and the health of your colleagues in front of the convenience factor and choose an alternative product.

Industry Recognized Practice for Aerial and Fork Lift Training

BC's film industry, working in conjunction with WorkSafeBC has adopted an Industry Recognized Practice (IRP) to identify a minimum industry standard for Aerial and Lift Truck Training and Certification. The principle behind the development and acceptance of this IRP is to clarify compliance requirements and to contribute to the reduction of accidents and injuries that occur among workers in our industries.

The majority of the content of the IRP formalizes what had been industry practice. The major change to current practice is the addition of a prerequisite to aerial lift training. Effective September 2010, workers will now be required to have a current fall protection certificate before taking aerial lift training. This will require consideration on the part of workers as they schedule their training.

The entire IRP is available on Actsafe's website at www.actsafe.ca. You can find it in the Library under *Shop/Studio Technicians* or by entering "IRP" into our search engine, located beneath the right-hand menu.

The following is the summary of the IRP:

Current Certificates are required for the operation of lift trucks and aerial platforms. Operators of lift trucks and aerial platforms require retraining at two year intervals.

Members of Lighting, Grip and Special Effects Departments are required to receive instructions regarding the contents and use of Supplemental Manuals, the Platform Capacity Reduction Weight

Chart and the correct method of calculating total basket weight.

This training is required every two years and will be provided during the authorized aerial lift training provided through Actsafe.

Effective September 2010: workers taking aerial platform training will be required to possess a current Fall Protection certification. Fall protection retraining is required every two years. This training will be offered through Actsafe.

This Industry Recognized Practice is recognized by:

ACFC West (The Association of Canadian Film Craftspeople)
Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers – Canadian Affiliates (AMPTP)
BC Producers' Branch - Canadian Film and Television Production Association (CFTPA)
International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 891
Actsafe
Teamsters Union 155
WorkSafeBC

Please feel free to call Actsafe at 604-733-4682 with any questions.



Improved Online Registration System



As part of our website relaunch earlier this year, Actsafe has improved our online registration system. The new registration system is tied directly into our Passport system, which allows those with Actsafe Safety Passport IDs to log in and register for courses in addition to being able to update their personal information. Those who don't already have an Actsafe Safety Passport ID can register for one online and get the same privileges, once the registration has been approved.

When registering for course, please note that only those with seats still available will appear.

To register for courses online, visit www.actsafe.ca and click on the grey "login/register" button, beneath the main menu. From there, you can register for a new account. If you already have an account, you can just login from here.

Please note: if you previously had a SHAPE login and have not accessed your account since March, you will need to reset your password to get access to your account.

Trailer Steps Safety



Slips and trips from trailer stairs are a common concern on film sets. The fast paced film environment, coupled with outdoor weather factors can create the potential for serious fall hazards.

Although the fall may be a short distance, often from less than 3 feet off the ground, there is a great risk of serious injuries - everything from bruises/scrapes to broken bones to more serious head injuries.

Below are a few tips to keep you safer:

- Steps should have rise (step height) and run (step depth) dimensions that are consistent. Typical stair dimensions are: 7.5 - 8" maximum rise; and 9" minimum run. Anything that provides less (either rise or run), creates an increased potential for a trip hazard.

- Ensure that there are hand holds or handles at access points to the vehicle to allow three-point contact whenever possible. This provides opportunities to grab onto something if someone loses their footing.

- Make sure stairs are well lit. Improper lighting can hide hazards that may be present on the steps. Also, by painting the edges of the steps white, you will make them more visible in low light situations.

- Mobile steps that are placed on the ground beside or behind the vehicle should be stable enough that they will not move when in use. They should have a wide base or be fixed to the ground/truck.

- Keep steps and stairs clear of ice and snow in the winter. Be aware of wet or slippery steps at all times.

- Never place rugs or carpets near stairs as these can create tripping hazards.

- If possible, hand items to someone on the surface below or above. This will save you having to take the stairs while carrying items - which can increase your chance of a fall. If this is not possible, ensure that you keep one hand on a hand rail or handle as you step up or down and don't allow the load you're carrying to obstruct your view.

- Ensure that stairs are maintained and are not loose or in disrepair.

- Be aware and don't rush!** Never run up or down stairs. Take an extra couple of seconds when getting in and out of trailers to have a look at where you'll be walking. Ensure that the steps are clear of debris and are not wet or icy. Make sure that you have solid footing when stepping up or down. Shadows and uneven steps can cause interruptions and lead to falls.

Hot Working Conditions

Now that summer is here, we thought that we'd take a moment to remind you to take proper precautions when working in the heat.

- a. Drink eight ounces of fluid every 15 minutes.
- b. Alternate between water and Gatorade type drinks.
- c. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- d. If possible, get acclimated. This can take several days.
- e. Use sunscreen or sun block of SPF 30 or higher.
- f. Wear long, loose sleeved shirts and pants.
- g. Wear a wide brim hat. Baseball caps do not provide protection to the ears and neck area of the body.
- h. Over head sun protection, water and/or fluid supply should be all be readily available.

For more tips on working in the heat, refer to *Actsafes Safety Bulletin #35: Guidelines for Working in Extreme Hot Temperature Conditions*, available for download by going to www.actsafe.ca and clicking on Safety Bulletins in the Resources menu.

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ACTSAFE COURSES

For full course descriptions, dates and to register online, visit: www.actsafe.ca

Courses must be paid in advance to Actsafes. Courses may be subject to cancellation. We would be happy to book a private class if your group has the minimum number of participants.

Call 604-733-4682 for further details.

AERIAL LIFT TRAINING

\$120 (EXPERIENCED - 1 DAY)

\$220 (INEXPERIENCED - 2 DAY)

Experienced:

Saturday, August 28

Saturday, Sept 25

Inexperienced:

Saturday, August 28 and Sunday, August 29

Saturday, Sept 25 and Sunday, Sept 26

8:30am - 4:30pm

Instructor: Leavitt Machinery
Operator Training

AERIAL LIFT OVER 80FT - \$200

Call for training dates.

8:30am - 4:30pm

Instructor: Leavitt Machinery

Operator Training

COUNTERBALANCED FORKLIFT

\$120 (EXPERIENCED - 1 DAY)

\$220 (INEXPERIENCED - 2 DAY)

Experienced:

Saturday, August 21

Saturday, Sept 18

Inexperienced:

Saturday, August 21 and Sunday, August 29

Saturday, Sept 18 and Sunday, Sept 26

8:30am - 4:30pm

Instructor: Leavitt Machinery

FALL PROTECTION - \$65

Saturday, September 18

Saturday, October 16

Saturday, November 20

8am to 12pm

Instructor: ER Plus

FIREARM SAFETY LEVEL 1 - \$50

Sunday, September 26

10am to 5pm

Instructor: Felcan Enterprises

MOTION PICTURE SAFETY

AWARENESS* - \$25

Sunday, August 22

Tuesday, September 14

Sundays: 10am-1pm

Tuesday: 6pm-9pm

Instructor: Marty Clausen

*Take both Safety Awareness and

Supervisor Safety for \$45

MOTION PICTURE SUPERVISOR

SAFETY* - \$25

Sunday, August 22

1:30pm - 4:30pm

Instructor: Marty Clausen

*Take both Safety Awareness and

Supervisor Safety for \$45

OCCUPATIONAL FIRST AID

LEVEL ONE - \$40

Monday, August 16

Saturday, September 11

Saturday, September 20

Monday, October 2

Saturday, October 18

8:45am to 5:30pm

Instructor: Kathy Day

PERFORMING ARTS

SUPERVISOR SAFETY - \$25

TBA

Instructor: Marty Clausen

ONLINE COURSES

Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) \$20

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) \$20

Actsafes has an in house computer station available to those who do not have internet access but wish to take our online courses.