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Message from our CEO

As we approach the end of 2023, the Actsafe team has been reflecting on the past year; celebrating the organization's 25th anniversary, and finding balance between honouring the past as well as striving for continued improvement and excellence - elevating how we're delivering on our mandate and supporting BC's arts and entertainment industries, including through a particularly challenging year for the film workforce.

Over the past quarter-century, Actsafe has collaborated with workers, employers, unions, and government agencies to proactively prevent occupational diseases, deaths and injuries. In this *Safety Scene* edition, we cover winter safety concerns, mental health, safety for new workers, prevention of head injuries, introduce the Joint Health and Safety Committee Evaluation tool, upcoming occupational first aid regulatory changes for 2024, conference registration now open, and much more!

In addition to external stakeholders, our internal team members are equally as important so I am proud to share that Actsafe has undergone transformational change, successfully adjusting to a new 5-year strategic plan, refining our organizational structure, welcoming new team members, working towards the National Standard for Psychological Safety in the Workplace and maintaining our Great Place to Work certification - recently achieving over a 20% increase in our employee satisfaction score (compared to previous years) resulting in a 2023 score of above 90% overall!

Before we move into 2024, I want to offer my sincere gratitude to stakeholders, industry partners, and dedicated employees for your unwavering commitment and contributions. Together, we have achieved important milestones, and with your continued engagement, we will further advance safety in our industry. It's now time to savour our joint-achievements, as well as rest and recharge. Happy Holidays and cheers to a New Year!

Trina Pollard
CEO, Actsafe Safety Association



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Actsafe Safety Association

BC's Arts & Entertainment Safety Conference and Awards Gala



April 3-4, 2024 | Anvil Centre, New Westminster
In-person and Virtual

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- Trina Pollard, CEO, Actsafe Safety Association
- Tanya Steele, CHSC - *Keynote Speaker*
- Jonny Morris, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association of BC
- Simon Hunt & Jordan Myers, Spark Solutions Ltd.
- Paul Bergin & Wayne Tracey, Occupational Safety Officers, WorkSafeBC
- Casey Chan, CRST
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- Todd McDonald, Head of Prevention WorkSafeBC
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Winter Preparedness

How to protect your physical and mental health this season

Gone are the days when British Columbians could boast about mild winters to our friends on the East Coast. As we've seen over the past couple of years, the effects of climate change have not only brought lower temperatures but also increased snowfall, freezing rain, and a whole slew of winter weather conditions that many of us are not accustomed to. As we adapt to the conditions of the new normal, workers and employers must take proactive steps to protect themselves against the increased risks associated with winter.

Watch for winter hazards

Falling snow may be a picturesque backdrop, but inclement weather can pose significant risks when it comes to workplace health and safety. Icy sidewalks, slick road conditions, and falling snow are just a few winter-weather conditions crews need to consider when looking at ways to protect workers from weather-related hazards.

When workplace conditions change, including changes to the weather, employers

should revisit their worksite risk assessments. Work with your crew to determine if any new hazards may be present in and around their workplace due to winter conditions. According to WorkSafeBC, [cold stress](#), [motor vehicle incidents](#), and [slips, trips, and falls](#) are common risks employers should anticipate during the winter season. Implementing appropriate controls and being proactive can help prevent injuries. Here are some ways to do this:



- Choose locations that provide less risk of exposure to cold-weather elements or slippery conditions.
- Provide warming shelters for workers on site.
- Ensure anyone who is required to drive during their work has proper training and winter tires.
- Post signs warning of particularly slippery areas.
- Clear snow and apply salt to high-traffic walkways and areas.
- Remind workers to dress appropriately for winter conditions.
- Provide warm beverages and heat packs for gloves and shoes when possible.

Working in cold-weather conditions can lead to serious injuries if you and your team aren't prepared. Monitor weather forecasts regularly throughout the season and be ready to put additional safety measures in place where needed to keep workers safe. For more information, see [Actsafes bulletin #34, Preventing Cold-Related Illness](#).

Battling the winter blues

The increase in extreme weather events such as flooding and snowstorms can also bring about some uneasy feelings when it comes to facing the reality of climate change. Add longer and darker days with gloomy skies, and many individuals can find themselves struggling with their mental health during this time of year.

Recent studies have shown that an increasing number of Canadians are having difficulty staying hopeful about our uncertain and changing future. Whether they've been directly impacted by an extreme weather event or have general distress about what the future of our planet holds, these complex emotions can sometimes prevent individuals from going about their daily lives. It can be common for people to experience a range of emotions in response to climate change—feelings of anxiety, grief, fear, stress, and depression are examples of how this can manifest and can vary in intensity. Seasonal depression is also very common as we experience fewer hours of daylight during the winter months.



As an employer, supporting the health and safety of your workers, including their mental health, is a legal requirement. Keep an eye out for significant changes in mood or behaviour among your crew and performers. If you think someone may be struggling, create opportunities to check in with them regularly. Encouraging open and supportive communication can help reduce the stigma around mental health challenges and foster a supportive workplace culture. If you're able to identify mental health issues in your workers, you can be in a better position to support them in getting the help they need.

Here are some other ways you can help support the mental wellness of your team members during the winter months:



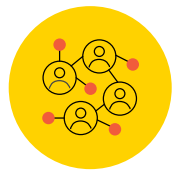
Share your organization's mental health resources, such as Employee and Family Assistance Programs or extended health benefits.



Encourage workers to focus on self-care to maintain resilience and healthy habits.



Ask simple questions such as "How are you doing today?" or "What does support look like for you today?" This can go a long way in making workers feel safe.



Stay connected with workers by checking in regularly, both in person and virtually.



Connect to resources

There are many resources available to those struggling with mental health:

- Crisis Centre of BC: crisiscentre.bc.ca or 1.800.SUICIDE (1.800.784.2433)
- 310 Mental Health Support: crisislines.bc.ca or 310.6789 (no need to dial area code)
- Centre of Expertise on Mental Health in the Workplace Government of Canada
- HeretoHelp: heretohelp.bc.ca
- Anxiety Canada: anxietycanada.com
- MoodFX: moodfx.ca
- Calltime Mental Health: calltimementalhealth.com

Preparing New Workers for a Safe Career

Learn how The ACT Arts Centre's orientation and training program is keeping its most vulnerable employees safe on the job

Let's face it—starting a new job can be nerve-racking. Faced with information overload, new workers are often concerned about making a good impression, getting to know their workplace, and remembering their training in a new environment. These pressures are often why new workers—defined as workers of any age who are new to their workplace or industry—are more at risk of workplace injury. It's estimated that one in five workers in Canada do not receive proper orientation when starting a new job. This makes new workers three times more likely to have a lost-time injury in their first month on the job.

"Workers new to our industry can be particularly vulnerable when it comes to workplace injuries," says Marett Alexander, Safety Supervisor at Actsafe. "Employers and supervisors are responsible for ensuring that all new workers are prepared for the job through effective orientation and training before they start work."

Helping new workers feel safe and confident

Landrie Davies knows a thing or two about orientation and training. As the Operations Manager for [The ACT Arts Centre](#) in Maple Ridge, she's been supporting new workers in both front- and back-of-house positions for 20 years and says taking time to invest in employees early is beneficial to everyone.

"When workers feel supported in a workplace, they feel confident in what they do and will stay around longer," says Landrie, who always begins her orientations by telling employees how happy The ACT is to have them. "It's all about building the people that build the relationships that build the work. And if they succeed, then we succeed—it's not sink or swim."

The ACT's new employee orientation begins with a building tour. This is followed by a review of employee terms and benefits, a review of key policies on topics such as bullying and harassment, and of course a thorough safety



orientation. The ACT also has three safety boards managed by its joint health and safety committee, where staff can review recent meeting minutes and procedures on anything from dealing with sharps to bear spray.

"We give them the tools so they can easily locate health and safety information when they need it," explains Landrie, adding that training can also be adapted depending on an individual's learning style. "Everyone learns differently. It's important to stop and look at how they can absorb the information you're providing. By having one-on-one conversations and providing ongoing supervision, we can evaluate where workers are and provide them with additional support if needed."

Shadoe Reisler, The ACT Arts Centre's Technical Director, echoes this statement, adding that connecting with workers individually is key to ensuring everyone feels safe and comfortable on the job.

"If I give you a task you're not comfortable with, don't just go and do it. That puts everyone at risk," he says. "If you're uncomfortable, let's sit down and talk about it. If you're still uneasy about it, then we'll find something else for you to do. I would never tell my people to do something I wouldn't do myself."



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Operations Manager, The ACT Arts Centre

Shadoe also likes to ensure all new workers are paired up with either a supervisor or a co-worker who can show them the ropes and answer questions.

"Everyone has different skill levels and experience, so we give workers the time they need to understand the system they're working with and its regulations and procedures. Supervisors are always around and check back to make sure everyone is doing their work safely and correctly."

Regulation for new worker orientation

According to WorkSafeBC, workers in their first month of a new job are three times more likely to get injured at work. Why? Marett cites inexperience, lack of understanding of their rights, and unwillingness to ask questions as common reasons, but also lack of preparation and training for the workplace.

"Providing effective orientation and training is the best way to prevent workplace incidents," she says, adding that training should be specific to the workplace.

[Sections 3.22 to 3.25](#) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation outline specific requirements employers must follow when



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SHADOE REISLER
Technical Director, The ACT Arts Centre

working with new workers. Orientation and training must include the following topics:

- Contact information for the worker's supervisor and joint health and safety committee or worker representatives.
- Workplace health and safety rules, as well as hazards that workers may be exposed to. This includes working alone or in isolation and violence in the workplace.
- Personal protective equipment that is required.
- Emergency procedures and location of first aid facilities.
- Proper instruction and demonstration of the worker's tasks and work processes.

Employers are also required to document and keep records of all training provided to new workers, as per section 3.25. WorkSafeBC has many resources, including a [Young and New Worker Orientation Checklist](#) and a [Young & New Workers](#) webpage to support employers and supervisors in keeping their workers safe at work.



No such thing as a silly question

Having worked with many new workers throughout her career, Landrie's biggest piece of advice for workers who are new to their job site or industry is to ask for help.

"There's no such thing as a silly question. We don't expect you to have all the fundamentals or understanding of what your role is on day

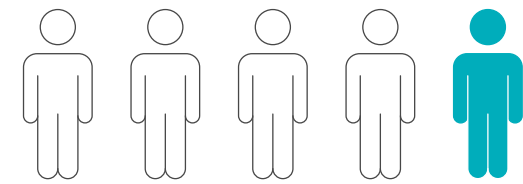
one. The best thing you can do to keep yourself and others around you safe is to ask for help when you're unsure about something," she says. "A workplace injury can have a negative impact for a long time—not just for the worker, but for you as the employer, the workplace, and your business. Demonstrate the value of safety for your team, and they'll become advocates for it too."



New Actsafe webpage for new workers

To support employers, supervisors, and workers, we've created a new page on the Actsafe website dedicated to new workers. You'll find resources, checklists, and a variety of other tools to help ensure your new workers go home safely at the end of their workday. Check it out at www.actsafe.ca/topic/new-workers.

Supervisor's New Worker Orientation & Training Tips



1/5 new Canadian workers lack orientation.

New workers face

3x

higher risk of injuries within their first month.



Effective

orientation, training, and continuous supervision is essential.

TOP 5 TIPS



Orient

all new workers (OHSR 3.23). Use Actsafe's free app for OHSR Documentation.

Communicate

hazard awareness, risks, and control methods.



Support training

through free courses. Have a weekly safety huddle or toolbox talk.

Create a safe space for new workers and

encourage questions & discussions



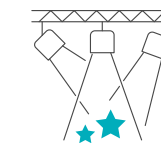
Maintain records

of new worker trainings, orientations, and safety incidents (OHSR 3.25).



Soft Skills training for films

Walkie Usage | Film Hierarchy | Set Etiquette |
Union Regulations | Reading Call Sheets |
Understand responsibilities | Knowing the right actions



Soft Skills training for performing arts

Walkie Usage | Crowd Observation | Investigate
Concerns | Communication | Emergency procedures
| Understand responsibilities | Knowing the right actions

Take Actsafe's free Safety For Supervisors workshop to learn more great tips. Prioritize Mental, Psychological and Physical Health.



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Head First

How to prevent head injuries this winter

On a busy stage or set, there are countless props or pieces of equipment that could cause serious injury if they are not properly secured or attended to. Whether it's props, lighting, or camera equipment, using personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety headgear has always been a useful way to reduce the risk of head injuries from falling, flying, or thrown objects. But in September 2021, there were changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation that require employers to follow the hierarchy of controls when managing the risk of head injury. These changes are described in the WorkSafeBC publication [Regulatory amendment: A primer on safety headgear](#). Following the hierarchy means first trying to eliminate the risk of falling, flying, or throwing objects rather than

defaulting to using PPE such as hard hats. Why? Because PPE does not eliminate or minimize a hazard—it simply puts a barrier between the hazard and the worker.

During the winter months, reduced daylight and decreased visibility make it even more important to ensure that safety measures are in place to protect crew members. Before work begins, take time to understand the risk of head injuries to your workers by [completing a risk assessment](#). Do the set layout, work tasks, or activities put anyone at risk of a head injury from falling, flying, or thrown objects? Document all the potential hazards and then assess the risk. Encourage crew members to be a part of this process as they can provide valuable insights into the level of risk if they are exposed to a hazard.



Once you've identified and assessed the risks, you can then determine how best to [implement controls to eliminate or reduce the risk](#) of head injury. If you cannot eliminate the risk, then you must apply engineering or administrative controls to reduce it. If it is not practical to eliminate the risk or reduce it to the lowest level possible using other controls, then workers must wear appropriate safety headgear. Follow the hierarchy when considering possible risk controls:

1. Elimination

Physically remove the hazard. Look at creating safe and exclusion zones to eliminate the need for head protection.

2. Substitution

Replace the hazard with a safer option. Is there a lighting fixture or set piece that could fall that can be removed?

3. Engineering control

Isolate crew members from the hazard. Can safety nets be installed to create a barrier between the hazard and the crew members?

4. Administrative control

Change the way people work. Create designated walkways for performers and crew members that are free from overhead hazards.

5. PPE

Protect workers with personal protective equipment such as a hard hat.

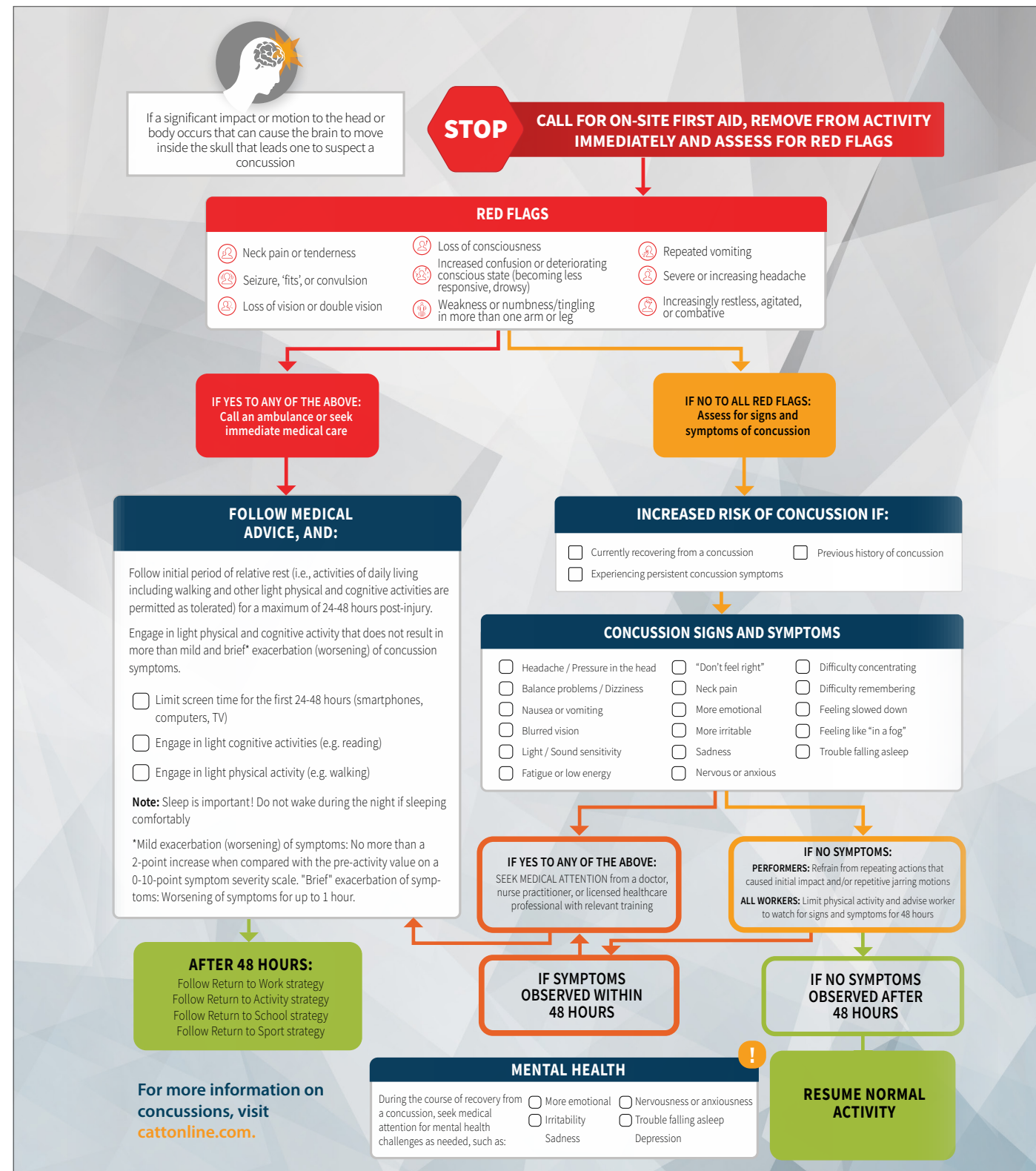


While hard hats are frequently used as a protective device in many situations, completing a hazard and risk assessment and following the hierarchy of controls will help ensure that the correct level of protection is used to protect workers from injury. It also ensures that [worker rights are respected](#) and that workplaces consider suitable, safe options for those who may not be able to wear a hard hat because they wear religious headwear. If you or one of your workers is not able to wear a hard hat, speak to your employer about the options available to ensure a safe workplace. If a hard hat is needed, employers may have to offer other accommodations to ensure the safety of the crew member.

Learn more

WorkSafeBC has created an [OHS guideline](#) to help you understand this new regulatory requirement and to provide support in identifying and controlling the risk of head injury from overhead hazards. You can find more resources on WorkSafeBC's [Safety Headgear page](#), including how to choose the right type of safety headgear, and by using their [risk management template](#).

Concussion Awareness, Response, and Management for the Motion Picture, Film & Live Performance Industries



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Start the New Year Right!

Gear up for 2024 by refreshing your Safety Boards and prioritizing Health & Safety evaluations.

Joint Health and Safety Committee Evaluation Tool by WorkSafeBC helps you meet the legal requirements for conducting the annual evaluation.

Your Right to Refuse UNSAFE WORK

You are required to refuse work that you believe is likely to harm you or someone else.

- Report any health and safety issues to your supervisor or employer.
- If you still believe there is a problem, continue to refuse work. The supervisor is required to investigate with you and another worker (from the H & S Committee, the union, or a person of your choice).
- If there is no resolution, continue to refuse the work. Both you and the employer must contact WorkSafeBC for further investigation.

Propane Heater Safety

What you should know about Propane Radiant Heaters

- NEVER use flammable substances, such as aerosol sprays or liquids having flammable vapours, in spaces with radiant heaters.
 - NEVER place combustible objects, such as clothing or paper, or stand or sit within 1.37 m (4' 6") of radiant heaters.
 - NEVER move or tamper with radiant heaters; only qualified persons should light or adjust these heaters.
 - NEVER close tent flaps. Proper ventilation is required to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
 - ALWAYS tell a supervisor if you observe unsafe conditions such as an unlevel or unsecured propane tank, the use of hair sprays or paints in the space, or a faulty or improperly functioning heater.
- KNOW THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING**
- If you or anyone else experiences signs or symptoms of CO Poisoning:
- Evacuate Space immediately
 - Inform supervisor
 - DO NOT RE-ENTER the space until it has been declared safe.

WHMIS Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

WHAT IS WHMIS? WHMIS is an information system that provides workers to work safely with hazardous materials in their workplace. The main components of WHMIS are hazard identification, product classification, labeling, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), training and education. Suppliers, employers, and workers all have specific responsibilities in the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System.

SUPPLIER LABEL

WHAT MUST APPEAR ON AN MSDS

CLASSIFICATION GUIDE

SAMPLE WORKSITE LABEL

HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

FIRST AID MEASURES

PREPARATION INFORMATION

Emergency Contacts

First Aid Attendant: _____ Contact: _____

Alt. First Aid Attendant: _____ Contact: _____

Company name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Supervisor/Production Manager: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Closest Hospital: _____

Nearest Walk-in Clinic: _____

Phone: _____

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

WorkSafeBC: 604.276.3100 After Hours Emergency: 1.866.922.4357 or 604.273.7711

Poison Control Centre: 1.800.567.8911 or 604.682.5050

Provincial Emergency Program Hotline (Chemical spills and natural disasters): 1.800.663.3456

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25 Years of Safety

Serving the BC Arts and Entertainment Industry

1998 – Where it all began

Actsafesafe was formed in 1998 under the name of Safety and Health in Arts Production and Entertainment (SHAPE), a non-profit industry association dedicated to the promotion of workplace health and safety in British Columbia's film and television production, theatre, music, dance, and other performing arts industries. SHAPE was financed through a special Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) levy upon employers in the industry.

As one of the first industry health and safety associations in British Columbia, SHAPE was

established at a time when a partnership model between industry associations and the WCB was being defined.

At the time of SHAPE's creation, the motion picture, video and performing arts industries were becoming increasingly important elements of the BC economy. However, hazards that emerge in real life may not emerge where the hazard is recreated in the context of a television or film production. With the growth in the industry, it was growing more and more apparent, and the industry

Dance Down Memory Lane!



The Rolling Stones performed at BC Place Stadium, 1998



Titanic easily dominated the box office for all of 1998.



Moscow Classical Ballet's Nutcracker at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 1998

faced unique challenges in complying with the Occupational Health & Safety Regulations.

To address these and related concerns, SHAPE was established as an industry-wide occupational health and safety committee for the motion picture, video and performing arts industries. Through the participation of producers and venue owners on the committee, it was intended that practicable applications of the OHSR could be tailored for the industry. These would in turn better enable producers and venue-owners to fulfill their

obligations under alternative or production-specific arrangements acceptable to the WCB.

Join us in looking back to some memorable Actsafesafe events over the past twenty-five years.



Prevent Struck by Incidents

Use a layered approach to risk controls, where several controls work together to minimize the risk to workers

Whenever workers are around mobile equipment or vehicles, there's a risk of being struck by the equipment or vehicle. These incidents can occur in any workplace where mobile equipment is used, and the risk is increased when equipment operators have obstructed views (blind spots).

WorkSafeBC's bulletin, [Layer risk controls to help prevent workers from being struck by mobile](#)

[equipment](#), helps employers understand their responsibilities and control the risk. A [video](#) is also available that illustrates how obstructed views increase the risk. This short video is included in the bulletin via QR code.

Visit WorkSafeBC's [Cranes & mobile equipment page](#) and [Reduce the risk of workers being struck by mobile equipment](#) campaign page for more information.

Bill 41

Duty to Cooperate and Duty to Maintain Employment

Starting January 1, 2024, employers and workers will have a legal duty to cooperate with each other and with [WorkSafeBC](#) in timely and safe return to work following a worker's injury, and certain employers will have an obligation to return injured workers to work in specific circumstances. [More Information](#)



Occupational first aid regulatory changes

Effective November 1, 2024, under the amended Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, employers will be required to:

- Provide at least the supplies, facilities, and first aid attendants required by Schedule 3-A.
- Perform a written risk assessment for each workplace, in consultation with workers.



Scan the QR code or visit [worksafebc.com](#) for more details.

6 Ways to Make Winter Driving Safer

Winter weather is Mother Nature's road test for drivers. Wet, cold, dark, and slippery conditions make this the most dangerous time of the year to drive

Preparing now can help you prevent crashes and injuries. Your safety, and the safety of all of your passengers or your employees, depends on it.

[ShiftIntoWinter.ca](https://www.drivebc.ca/shiftintowinter) encourages you to reduce your risk behind the wheel by following these basic safety steps:

Use dedicated winter tires

Even if your region of BC doesn't see much snow, winter tires give you better traction when temperatures drop. They're also required on many BC highways as of October 1. Legal winter tires carry the 3-peaked mountain and snowflake, or M+S, symbols.

Know before you go

Don't put yourself and your passengers at risk when road and weather conditions are poor. Postpone driving if you can. If you have to travel, first check DriveBC to find the safest route. Travel during daylight if possible and give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination.

Slow down and leave extra space

Driving too fast for the conditions is a leading cause of crashes. So slow down and avoid sudden acceleration and braking. Maintain

at least 4 seconds of distance between you and the vehicle ahead.

Be prepared for an emergency

Make sure your phone is charged before leaving, in case you get stuck somewhere. Wear comfortable clothing when driving. Bring winter boots, coat, gloves, and a hat with you in case you need to get out of your vehicle.

Clear snow, ice from your vehicle

Visibility matters. Before driving, brush snow from windows, lights, mirrors, the hood, and the roof. Scrape icy windows and wait for them to defrost completely. Make sure windshield wipers are in good condition. Always turn your headlights on in dim light.

Refresh your winter driving skills

No matter how much driving experience you or your employees have, it's been months since you or they drove in winter-like conditions. Review some tips for safe winter driving. Avoid sudden starts and stops. If you start to skid, ease off the brake or accelerator and look and steer in the direction you want to go.

For more information on how to prepare your vehicle, visit [ShiftIntoWinter.ca](https://www.drivebc.ca/shiftintowinter).



Protect your employees in winter driving conditions. Plan ahead.

The safety of your employees is your responsibility, including when they're behind the wheel. Plan ahead and take steps to reduce the increased risks they face during winter conditions.

Learn how and get our free Employer Tool Kit at [ShiftIntoWinter.ca](https://www.drivebc.ca/shiftintowinter)

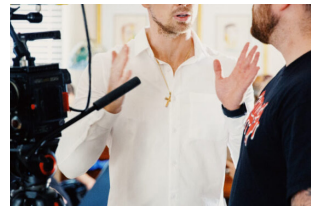


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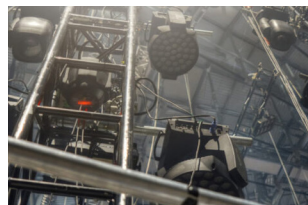
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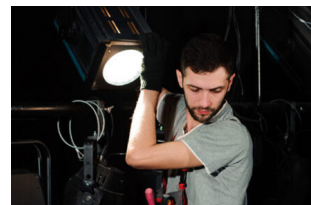
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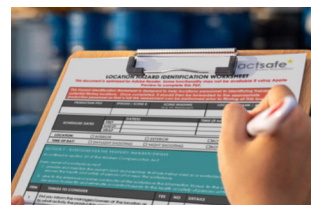
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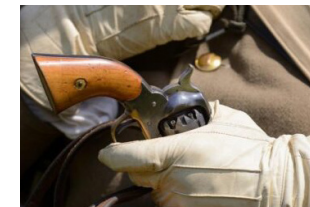
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Motion Picture Propane Heater Safety

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How to share your certificates?

- Log into your [STAR](#) account and click the PROFILE tab
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HOW ARE YOU COMMUNICATING TO YOUR TEAM?

[Safety Bulletins](#) are a vetted source of the entertainment industry standards and recommendations. These pertain to the health and safety of workers and employers.

Topics of Safety Bulletins tend to focus on hazards and risks unique to the motion picture, performing arts, and live events productions which are not addressed with specificity by B.C.'s [OHS Regulations](#).

These bulletins are a practical resource for industry-specific risk mitigation strategies that provide control measures and best practices to help inform prevention planning and response procedures.

Safety Bulletins should be made readily accessible at each location where an employer's workers are regularly employed. Much like regulated safety documents such as joint health and safety committee meeting minutes, an organization's safety board(s) would be an appropriate choice. Alternatives include the worksite's first aid and/or craft services stations. If many workers operate remotely, then safety bulletins could be made readily available electronically through the employer's intranet or other internally private platform.

If specific hazards and risks are to be expected on certain upcoming days of work, copies of related safety bulletins should be attached to call sheets distributed to

workers or sent out electronically to workers directly before their shift.

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