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Let's get Manitoba back to the workplace safely

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As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, employers are dealing with varying levels of change. In the heavy construction industry, many projects have continued over the last several months and workers may not have been as disrupted as other industries. The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association has supported members of its sector by helping them adapt to new safety protocols designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

The pandemic has led to adjustments in all industries as employees gradually return to their usual workplaces. Employers have primary responsibility for ensuring workers are safe and healthy, and that duty now includes protection from the hazard of COVID-19. SAFE Work Manitoba can help – with training, tools and information to assist employers and employees in remaining safe during the pandemic.

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Best Practices for a Safe Workplace Course

SAFE Work Manitoba, a division of the Workers Compensation Board, offers a free, online training course called COVID-19: Best Practices for a Safe Workplace. This interactive course provides straightforward guidance to help workers reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19 or spreading it to others – keeping themselves, their colleagues and their customers safe. Complying with provincial health guidelines, it includes advice on applying the “four Ps” of COVID-19 safety in the workplace:

- Physical distancing – limiting close contact with others
- Personal hygiene – ensuring hands and objects are clean
- Physical environment – steps to take to reduce the risk
- PPE – personal protective equipment use

Employers can assign the course to their employees and track course completion. On completion, certificates are provided, which can be posted in the workplace for customers and co-workers to see.

Other COVID-19 Resources

While we learn to live with the pandemic, it is safe to go back to the workplace when proper safety protocols are established and followed. If we all work together, we can protect each other and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

For the heavy construction sector, the MHCA Worksafely™ program has provided services and resources that are relevant to your work. SAFE Work Manitoba offers additional resources for all industries, including the free online course on COVID-19 safety in the workplace. At safemanitoba.com you'll also find tip cards on workplace safety and COVID in 19 languages, COVID advice for workplace safety and health committees, ShopTalks on virus prevention, information on mental health resources and much more. Please take advantage of the tools available from both MHCA Worksafely™ and SAFE Work Manitoba to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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