



AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE 2010 OSACH SAFETY GROUP

The Ontario Safety Association for Community & Healthcare (OSACH) invites your organization to join our 2010 Safety Group! 2010 will be OSACH's sixth year sponsoring a WSIB safety group and we are expanding to include regional chapters in Toronto, London, Hamilton, Eastern Ontario, and possibly Northern Ontario.

The safety group's objective is to bring similar organizations together to develop better health and safety practices. The goal is to eliminate workplace injuries and illness, and to reduce WSIB costs. This is a great opportunity to network, increase your occupational health and safety knowledge and share resources.

How Does the Safety Group Program Work?

Each firm selects five safety elements identified as key organizational goals to address and improve. Participants will learn how to implement these initiatives by attending safety group meetings, and through the collective sharing of ideas and resources with other group members. The process is coordinated by OSACH consultants Henrietta Van hulle and Hillarie Klass.

Safety group members are eligible for a WSIB rebate, if certain criteria including the entire group's success in implementing their selected safety elements.

Program Eligibility Safety Group participants must:

- Have commitment from the Owner or Senior management
- Create or enhance your workplace safety culture
- Be a Schedule 1 firm and in rate group **851, 852, 853, 857, 858, 861 or 875**
- Be in good standing with the WSIB
- Commit to participate at least one full calendar year
- Participate in one safety group at a time
- Not be a member of the Safe Communities Incentive Program (SCIP)

Participation Requirements

To maintain Safety Group status and **be eligible for the financial rebate**, you must complete the following:

1. Participate in at least three safety group meetings **in your region**
2. Complete the baseline and year-end strength and weakness assessments of your health and safety program
3. Develop and implement an action plan for the selected safety group elements and associated goals
4. Keep OSACH (your sponsor) informed of your progress
5. Submit a year-end achievement report documenting your program accomplishments

For more information or, to become a member of the OSACH Safety Group, please contact Henrietta Van hulle at 1-877-688-6221 or Hillarie Klass at 1-877-563-1720. Visit our web site at www.osach.ca and click on Safety Group button to learn more about this program.

The annual registration fee is \$550 per WSIB account, which is refunded as a portion of the year end rebate (provided a sufficient rebate is received). Invoicing will occur in February 2010. A maximum of two people from each organization may attend the meetings.

The completed application form should be faxed to 1-416-250-7484 by ~~December 4, 2009~~.

**Extended to
December 23, 2009**