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Turn your safety idea into a Safety Den submission

Do you have an idea to improve workplace health and safety? We want to hear it.

The 2027 Safety Den, sponsored by Northbridge Insurance, is now accepting submissions. We're looking for simple, workable ideas that address real health and safety challenges in healthcare.

Here are some tips to help get you started:

- **Start with a real problem:** Focus on a common safety challenge in your workplace.
- **Involve your team:** The best innovations often come from the people doing the work. Ask your staff what frustrates them most about safety in their daily tasks.
- **Keep the solution simple:** Low-cost, low-tech ideas often have the biggest impact.
- **Check our Innovation Database for inspiration:** Browse our Innovation Database to see past Safety Den winners and submissions.
- **Explain the benefit**: Describe how your idea makes work safer or reduces risk.

If your submission is selected, we'll work with you to create a video about it. Then, you'll join us at the event in Victoria on June 7 for a chance to impress the competition's judges—the safety dragons—and **win the top prize of $2,500.**

Submit to Safety Den ›

Understand the basics of incident investigations



In case you missed it, our latest webinar, **The basics of incident investigations**, is now available to watch on-demand.

This session explores when an investigation is required, who should be involved, and the key steps in the investigation process.

Our presenter, Laura Gibbins, uses a scenario from long-term care to demonstrate how looking beyond individual actions to consider workplace conditions, procedures, and organizational factors can reveal gaps that might otherwise be missed.

Watch ›

Combustible dust changes: Keep kitchen housekeeping a priority

Changes to WorkSafeBC's Occupational Health and Safety Regulation take effect **January 4, 2027**. The amendments clarify what combustible dust is and strengthen requirements for identifying, assessing, and controlling fire and explosion risks.

What does this mean for you?

Using flour or sugar in a kitchen does not automatically mean a new combustible dust management program is required. The new provisions exclude workplaces where there is no reasonably foreseeable risk of injury or death from dust combustion. Whether additional measures are needed depends on how ingredients are handled, how dust is controlled, and the conditions in your workplace.

WorkSafeBC's draft guideline illustrates this with a small pizzeria: workers use small, measured amounts of flour, keep remaining flour in closed containers, and clean the preparation area afterward, leaving no flour accumulations outside the containers. This suggests that kitchens with similar practices may already have effective controls in place.

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Build your health and safety committee knowledge



Occupational Health and Safety Committee: Part 1

Member price: $35

Whether you're new to a Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee or looking to refresh your knowledge, our **Occupational Health and Safety Committee: Part 1 workshop** is a great place to start.

The workshop provides foundational knowledge you need to know. You'll learn about your roles and responsibilities, workplace inspections, hazard assessments, and more.

Still have training hours to use this year?
Register for our upcoming virtual session on December 7.

Register ›

Want to get a head start on your training plans for next year?
Register for our virtual session on January 28.

Register ›

Support for workers returning to work



The National Institute of Disability Management and Research has recently announced its new **Reducing Poverty through Early Intervention and Occupational Rehabilitation Initiative.**

The initiative is designed to support individuals who have acquired a physical or mental health impairment, as well as their employers, during the return-to-work process.

To learn more about this program, you can watch this video and download this poster.

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