



Your Monthly News & Updates

Below please find an update on the latest SIAC activities and other important industry information.

Study Finds Mandatory WAH Training Effective

Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer Ron Kelusky has announced that the mandatory working-at-heights (WAH) training implemented in 2015 has been found to be successful, resulting in:

- 550,000 Ontarians completing the training
- Lost-time claim injuries declined by 20%, representing 111 less fall from height claims
- \$5 million in claims costs avoided and between \$27 and \$36 million saved for employers

An independent study by the [Institute for Work and Health](#) (WIH) found that 87% of learners claimed that WAH training boosted their confidence.

[Learn more by clicking here.](#)



IHSA Labour-Management Health & Safety Committee Update

IHSA's Provincial Labour-Management Health and Safety Committee (Construction) met on February 6th. The Committee discussed a need to request a regulatory change from the MOL regarding mobile elevated work platforms.



The Committee also agreed on advocating to remove the reference of safety belts from Ontario Regulation 145/00 which mentions: **26.4 (1) A travel restraint system shall consist of a full body harness with adequate attachment points or a safety belt.** The Committee agreed that safety belts are no longer used for fall protection and, as such, the regulation does not reflect current practices across sectors.

IHSA agreed to share minutes from its construction PLMHSC with SIAC as part of our combined effort to strengthen the partnership between the Associations. You can find the complete February 6th meeting minutes [HERE](#).

New Future Skills Centre Announced

The federal government has just announced a \$225 million investment in Future Skills, which will consist of:

1. **A Future Skills Council** to provide advice on emerging skills and workforce trends; and,
2. **A Future Skills Centre** which will serve as an independent research centre which develops, tests, and measures new approaches to skills assessment and development



Scaffold and Access Equipment Sector Committee

The SIAC previously notified members of the development of the *Scaffold and Access Equipment Sector Committee*, a partnership between the SIAC and IHSA. Its purpose will be to raise matters of importance, develop best practices, and resolve safety issues facing our industry.

To learn more or put your name forward, please contact info@siac-ontario.com.

Feature Your Company in SIAC's Next Magazine



The SIAC issues a quarterly magazine called *Access Canada* which is delivered to over 1,000 companies across the country and followed closely by contractors, manufacturers, engineers, and suppliers.

In each edition, the magazine features a **profile on a SIAC member** which serves as an excellent way to promote what your company has accomplished. We also accept **submissions written by members** on a pressing topic, recent project, or product development relating to the scaffold and access industry.

To see past issues, [please click here](#).

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