



2015 EDITORIAL CALENDAR

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HERE'S OUR STRATEGY FOR 2015

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Feature – Professional Credentials: The National Construction Safety Officer (NCSO) certification program is administered through provincial safety associations. While becoming an NCSO certifies one to work as a safety officer anywhere in Canada, there are concerns that the recent growth of credentials like the NCSO may dilute the impact of more established credentials, like the Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) designation. Is this trend a step forward – or back – for workplace safety?

Focus on Hand Protection: From lacerations and burns to trauma and amputations, our prized digits are exposed to a plethora of hazards. While donning safety gloves can help protect our hands, they must also offer comfort without compromising dexterity.

Ad Closing: January 22, 2015 **Material:** January 29, 2015

MARCH/APRIL

Feature – Mining: Canada, a significant player in mining investments abroad, has come under increased scrutiny for its conduct in mining operations abroad, most notably in developing countries. While Canadian mining operations overseas are expected to live up to high standards of corporate and social responsibility, there is no specific legislation to ensure that these companies do so. How can Canadian mining firms be held accountable for oh&s violations abroad that have come to light?

Focus on Apps: Today, there is an app for everything, and apps with oh&s applications are no exception. Their abilities range from accessing workplace safety information and identifying hazardous materials to calculating fall clearances. But just how useful and practical are these workplace safety apps? Are these apps becoming must-haves in the toolboxes of safety professionals and workers alike?

Ad Closing: March 12, 2015 **Material:** March 19, 2015

MAY/JUNE

Feature – Forestry: In Ontario, logging workers have the highest percentage of all lost-time injuries due to contact with objects or equipment. Forestry firms in the province also have one of the highest lost-time injury rates. What makes forestry work such a dangerous job in Ontario? How can provinces learn from one another and adopt good safety practices to address these risks?

Focus on Training: To keep up with legislative changes and oh&s developments, safety professionals have to keep themselves updated on the workplace safety front. To ensure that the training received produces effective outcomes, an understanding of workplace needs, resources available and the specific outcomes required following the completion of a course needs to be considered.

Ad Closing: May 21, 2015 **Material:** May 28, 2015

JULY/AUGUST

Feature – Contractor Management: For many industries, outsourcing projects to contractors is part and parcel of their business activities. But working with contractors, some of which involve complex subcontracting arrangements, can pose oh&s challenges. How can companies make sure that contractors fulfill their operational obligations without eroding safety controls?

Focus on Hearing Protection: Hear, hear. Noise from machinery, construction work and the entertainment industry can result in auditory impairment. Identifying patterns of occupational hearing loss and establishing work-relatedness are key to instituting effective hazard controls to prevent noise-induced hearing loss.

Ad Closing: July 23, 2015 **Material:** July 28, 2015

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Feature – Shift Work: The invention of artificial lighting has given rise to the ubiquity of shift work in the modern economy. But disruptions to the circadian rhythm have frequently been linked to numerous adverse health outcomes. For those who work graveyard or irregular shifts, what can they do to put themselves back in control of their health and well-being?

Focus on Respiratory Protection: Regardless of whether one is entering an oxygen-deficient confined space or working in an environment where harmful dust may be present, respiratory equipment that provides the right level of protection is a worker's first line of defence. Knowledge in the selection, use and maintenance of respirators is crucial to ensuring worker protection.

Ad Closing: September 10, 2015 **Material:** September 17, 2015

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Feature – Electrical Hazards: Occupational electrical fatalities and incidents occur most commonly when individuals do not de-energize and test electrical systems they plan to work on, and fail to check for overhead powerlines. What can be done to mitigate the potential for harm?

Focus on Cold-Weather Products: Working outdoors during winter demands head-to-toe protection. Apart from the need to shield workers from the biting cold and protect them from water and wind, it is equally important to allow the skin to breathe without compromising movement or manual dexterity.

Ad Closing: November 12, 2015 **Material:** November 19, 2015