

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

By Collin Pullar, President and CEO,
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When it comes to on-site safety and the safety of employees and co-workers, "I didn't know" is just not valid. That is why the SCSA created the Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association Guide to OHS Legislation app.

"The OHS Regulations and Saskatchewan Employment Act are more than 500 pages in length. While workers, supervisors, and other managers are required to adhere to the Regulations and Act, it is often impractical for people to carry such a massive document in their back pocket. We felt that there was a need for a quick reference tool that focussed on some of the most common issues in construction safety with direct reference to the Regulations and Act. From the onset, we determined that the tool had to contain brief, plain language summaries

and links to additional resources and training that employers and workers could benefit from. It had to be accessible anywhere and to anyone," says Collin Pullar, President & CEO of the SCSA.

The OHS app was developed in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) and contains both a web-based version and a mobile application. This guide will help Saskatchewan employers and employees understand and comply with the legislative obligations within their workplaces. Each of the 20 topics includes an easy-to-read summary and related resources, such as hazard alerts and safety talks.

Upon reviewing the SCSA app, Anders Wheeler, District HSE Manager with PCL Regina District, said, "It doesn't take long to realize the value in what you guys have been able to put together.

It's easy to see that it will be a very effective tool for our project teams to reference and find the information they need efficiently. The simple, streamlined interface makes it extremely easy to pick-up and use from the first time you open the app."

To download the app from either the Apple or Google app stores, simply search "SCSA" using each store's search tool. To preview the web-based version, visit ohsguide.scsaonline.ca.

In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, there were 38 prosecutions initiated, resulting in 25 Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) convictions in Saskatchewan. Total penalties for the year were just under \$1 million. Education and knowledge are key to injury prevention. The Guide to OHS Legislation app delivers that to employers, supervisors and workers.

With over 9,000 homebuilding, commercial and industrial construction member companies in Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association's mission is to provide quality safety training and advice to construction employers and employees that will lead to reduced human and financial losses associated with injuries in the construction industry. 🏠

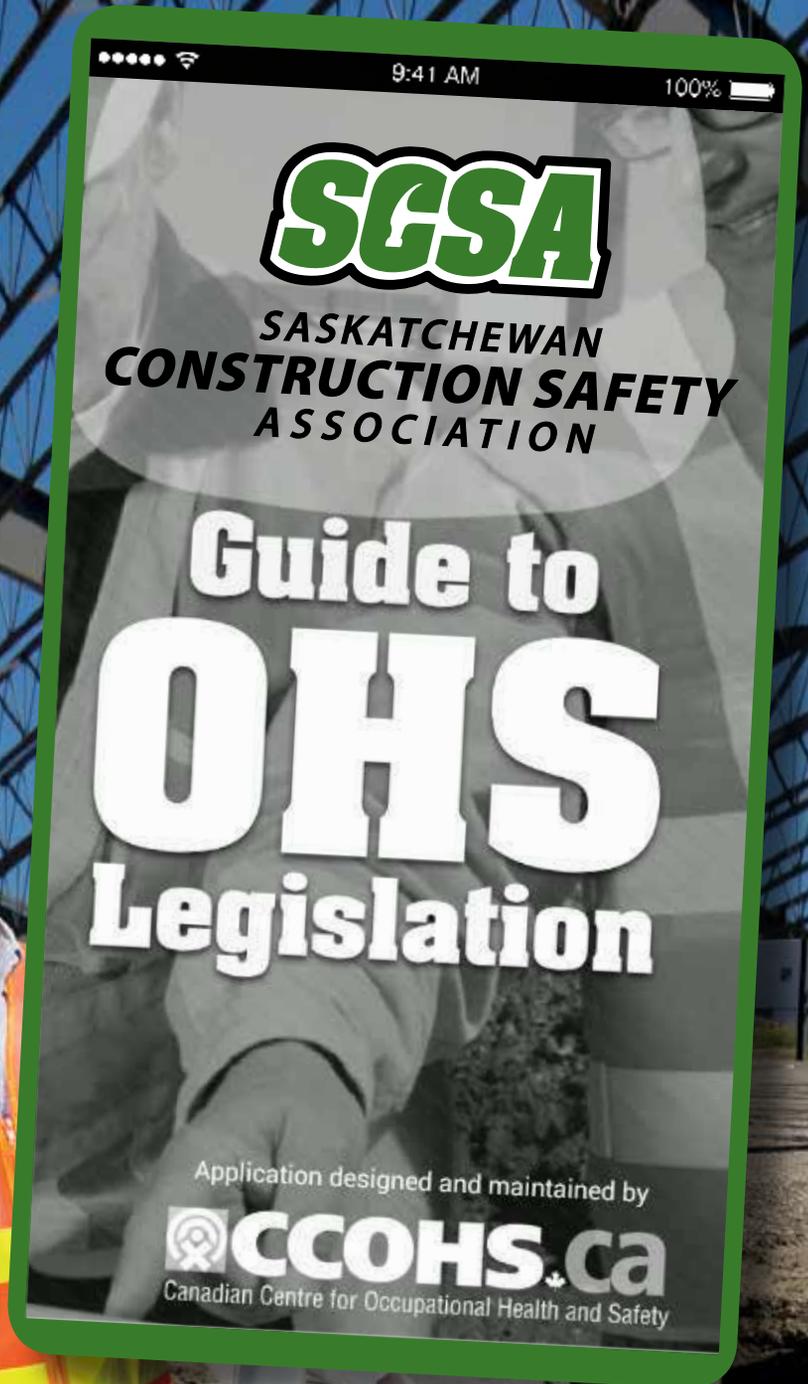


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