

SCSA Spotlight – Training Services continued

entire situation, my memory was negatively impacted and I had a very long road to recovery over several years. At that time, the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Vocational Rehabilitation Services changed my life and sent me for retraining. They really went above and beyond to help me. Without them I don't know where I would be today.

The lists of incidents I have been involved in are lengthy and include a crane accident in 1987 which involved a fatality. I am not proud of these incidents, but I feel that all of my experiences have helped me to better understand my students and communicate with them.

Favourite safety topic

Family is my favorite safety topic! Safety starts at home and we forget that way too easily. Do you want your spouse or kids to get hurt or worse? They watch us and if you are doing things around the house the right way (safe way) they will too.

Favourite safety course

All of them! But if I had to pick one, hmmm that's hard. I would have to say Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Train the Trainer, no, maybe Leadership for Safety Excellence or Hoisting and Rigging Safety Awareness. Ok, here is what I think, any class where I can see that moment when someone gets it; all of a sudden they just understand why we do this — that's my favourite class.

Favourite part of your job

Like I said in the last question, my favorite part of my job is that one moment when you can see in someone's face that they get it. It makes this all worthwhile!

A question(s) you get asked a lot

How do I get my boss to buy-in to safety?

Challenges you see in construction safety

One of the biggest challenges that I see is getting workers to realize that WHMIS is probably one of the most important classes they will ever take in their careers. We all work with chemicals in some form, no matter what you do for a living. For too long, employers and workers have been taking WHMIS for granted! For example, when was the last time you read a supplier label, or looked at a Safety Data Sheet (SDS)? Workers need to understand that WHMIS protects themselves and the people around them.

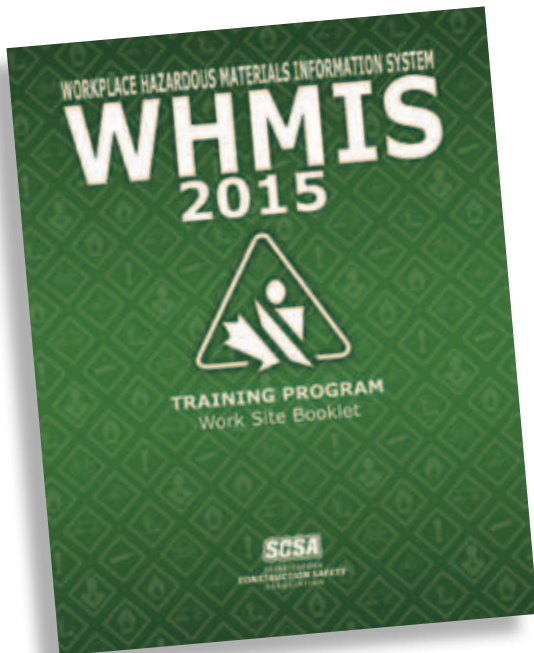
Current goals as a Training Technician

My goal is to do the best job that I can to help workers go home at the end of each day and live the life they chose, not the one the accident forced them to have!

Recent accomplishments

In 2015, I achieved my National Construction Safety Officer (NCSO) designation, but even better than that, I go home every day from work with a smile on my face and the feeling that I might have made a difference. What can be better than that?

WHMIS 2015 Train the Trainer



The SCSA piloted a new "WHMIS 2015 Train the Trainer" course in late June of 2016.

This updated course enables clients to instruct site-specific WHMIS 2015, which incorporates new legislative requirements that align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classifying and Labelling Workplace Chemicals (GHS).

Clients will receive WHMIS 2015 kits that include support supplies for trainers teaching site-specific WHMIS 2015 to their workers. The kits will include a student training manual, power point presentation, as well as exams.

The WHMIS module in Saskatchewan Construction Orientation Training (SCOT™) will be updated after the pilot process is complete.

According to legislation, the entire transition process from WHMIS 1988 to WHMIS 2015 must be complete by December 31, 2018.

For more information on WHMIS 2015, please visit www.ccohs.ca/topics/legislation/WHMIS