

# Ramping Up Injury Prevention: Targeted Intervention Program

The Targeted Intervention Program is a joint initiative between the Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Division at the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, and the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board, to address the workplace injury rate within Saskatchewan, which ranks second highest in Canada.

In October of 2013, OHS began focusing its inspection efforts on Saskatchewan's most injury-prone workplaces. Although progress has been made in reducing lost time incident rates, OHS recognizes that more needs to be done in order to make a more drastic impact, and reach their objective of reducing injuries by 25 per cent in the province.

In collaboration with its industry partners — WCB and the SCSA — OHS refocused its efforts in May 2015 to bring greater attention to injury prevention and compliance issues within the residential construction sector. Its targeted intervention strategy includes increased inspections in this particular sector as injury rates prove to be 220 per cent higher in comparison to the rest of the building construction industry.

Currently, 230 firms in Saskatchewan have 15 or more injuries on a regular basis equating to about 34 per cent of all injuries in the province. These are the companies that will be targeted through inspections and meetings with the employer to encourage them to develop and maintain an effective safety management system.

To watch a series of interviews from safety leaders in the province on the Targeted Intervention Program, produced by the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety (including one featuring SCSA President, Collin Pullar), visit: [bit.ly/20WH9VX](http://bit.ly/20WH9VX)

## Did you know?

- Out of 45,000 employers in Saskatchewan – appx. 0.5% or 230 firms have 15 or more injuries on a regular basis
- Every incident is predictable and preventable

## Reduce costly workplace injuries

SCSA Advisory Services staff are trained to assist companies in identifying and addressing hazards that lead to injury in the workplace. The Certificate of Recognition (COR™) and Small Employer Certificate of Recognition (SECOR) programs offered by the SCSA are occupational health and safety program designations verifying that a company has a fully-implemented health and safety program that meets national standards.

Through a process of training, program development, and implementation, companies can build a safer, more effective, organization. Employers have found that an evaluation of their health and safety program is an effective way to identify weaknesses that can be corrected. This leads to fewer injuries and fewer job interruptions; contributing to a more productive and profitable company

To learn more about the COR or SECOR programs, email [scsaprograminfo@scsaonline.ca](mailto:scsaprograminfo@scsaonline.ca)

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