

SCSA Spotlight – Advisory Services

When working toward achieving a company certification or individual designation, SCSA Safety Advisors are there to provide you with quality safety training and advice. Everything from classroom training, worksite visits, to performing safety demonstrations — SCSA Safety Advisors actively assist you and your company with the implementation, monitoring, and improvement of your safety management system to achieve your safety goals.

Laura Lodge SCSA Safety Advisor

How long have you worked at the SCSA?
Since October, 2014

What regions do you serve?
Regina, Yorkton, Esterhazy



What is your background in safety/construction?

My first experience in residential construction was back in British Columbia. I moved to Saskatchewan in 2012, where I worked for a commercial drywall company. After that I worked heavily again in residential construction as a labourer, finisher, carpenter, almost anything they needed! While working there, safety became a big focus for the company. I developed and implemented a safety program, received my Health and Safety Administrator (HSA) designation, and worked on completing my Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Practitioner certificate.

What is your favourite safety topic?

The strategic case for safety, as it helps workers and companies view safety as an asset instead of a hindrance. When embraced, safety can really help an organization grow and create a positive company culture.

What is your favourite safety demo?

The Eye Protection demo!

What is your favourite part of your job?

Helping clients to understand that safety doesn't need to be elaborate or complex. I enjoy helping them simplify their program, while meeting legal and moral obligations.

What is a question(s) you get asked a lot?

Specifics on guardrails, fall protection standards, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements, and various legislative information.

What are some challenges you see in construction safety?

I truly believe that safety can help a company succeed both financially and morally. There are many companies that are buying into safety, encouraging participation, and helping the culture of the entire industry to evolve into a positive one; but

the biggest challenge I still see is companies cutting corners to save money and time. When companies risk life, limbs and property to get a job done, these ghost savings can be detrimental to employees and the industry as a whole.

What are your current goals as a Safety Advisor?

Working towards my Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) designation and becoming a certified external auditor.

What is one of your recent accomplishments?

Obtaining my Occupational Health & Safety Practitioner Applied Certificate from Saskatchewan Polytechnic and my SCSA trainer certification in Fall Protection Awareness, Confined Space & Respiratory Protection, Aerial Work Platform Awareness, WHMIS Train-the-Trainer, and Safety Management.

Patrick Hunt SCSA Safety Advisor

How long have you worked at the SCSA?
Since July, 2015

What regions do you serve?
Regina, Yorkton and Esterhazy



What is your background in safety/construction?

I have 12 years' experience in the Telecommunications and Electrical field where I worked as a mentor, trainer, supervisor, superintendent, and Project Manager.

What is your favourite safety topic?

Ladder safety, fall arrest

What is your favourite safety demo?

Eye Protection demo

What is your favourite part of your job?

When I explain a fact to someone and you see their face when they learned something new

What is a question(s) you get asked a lot?

Who does this (they point to the Hazard Assessment) go to?

What are some challenges you see in construction safety?

Fall hazards — open pits, no rails on stairs or at top of stairs. Hard hats — a lot of guys think that as long as it is on the site and you wear it to your truck that's ok.

What are your current goals as a Safety Advisor?

To become as knowledgeable as possible to be able to give great guidance to our members at the construction site and on their safety manuals.

What is one of your recent accomplishments?

Certified to teach Fall Protection Awareness Training

Michael Remando SCSA Safety Advisor

How long have you worked at the SCSA?

Since August, 2014

What regions do you serve?

Humboldt/Melfort



What is your background in safety/construction?

I began my career in construction as a scaffolder. My first day on the job was at a potash mine, so we were always quite safety-orientated. After doing that for ten years, I decided to venture into safety and I've been practicing in this field for over three years now.

What is your favourite safety topic?

The three basic rights of Canadian workers (Right to Know, Right to Participate, and Right to Refuse) and minimum specification Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

What is your favourite safety demo?

The Eye Protection and Back Strain demos because they relay so much information that cannot be conveyed in any other way.

Each of our demos has a take-home message. We don't want safety to be left at the gate at the end of the day. We've got to be held at a higher standard and relay quality information for everyone. I look at it like we are the new "safety busters" and with each demo people will be brought closer to safety.

What is your favourite part of your job?

Converting a non-believer

What is a question(s) you get asked a lot?

An explanation of Summary Offence Ticketing (SOT).

What are some challenges you see in construction safety?

Staying current with technology.

What are your current goals as a Safety Advisor?

My goal is to get to as many people as I can safety compliant so that all youth have a fair chance at having a safe work day while working in a safety-sensitive position.

What is one of your recent accomplishments?

Every day I step into the field I believe I'm making a difference.

Fall Protection Awareness Training



The SCSA has completed the review and finalized the changes to the Fall Protection Awareness Training course.

We have recertified our Safety Training Technicians and Safety Advisors for delivering the course in its new form.