

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 advice. Everything from worksite visits to 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.

Meet some of our SCSA Safety Advisors!

Jason Clapper, Safety Advisor



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Started working at the SCSA
November 2012

Regions you serve

Over the past three years I have been involved with advisory and training activities in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Kindersley and the Humboldt, Melfort and Tisdale regions.

Background in safety/construction

Most of my adult-life careers required a safety-first policy. As a professional guide for 15 years, it was my responsibility to maintain foreign visitors' safety, while touring them deep into our wilderness in search of our magnificent creatures that live here. My other passion has been in the construction of sustainable modern living structures. I've enjoyed learning many construction skills in demolition/reclamation, concrete and foundation, as well as frame and roofing design.

Favourite safety topic

My favourite safety topic is self awareness — thinking, in the moment, of the hazards around us.

Favourite safety demo

The Fall Protection Safety Demonstration trailer is an exciting way to share and ignite passion for safety.

Favourite part of your job

Engaging with both workers and industry leaders through a variety of contact forums is my favourite part of my job.

A question you get asked a lot

A lot of the questions I get asked relate to getting clarity between the standards the law requires and industry best standards and practices.

Challenges you see in construction safety

Many challenges remain apparent in construction safety. It will always remain urgently important for all workers, supervisors and owners/managers to take appropriate actions of identified hazards they create or have to work with.

Current goals as a Safety Advisor

My goal is to serve our community as a safety advisor and give the best service and advice I can to our members and anyone else seeking advice or training.

Recent accomplishments

I am proud to have achieved the designation of National Construction Safety Officer (NCSO) through the SCSA.

Natalia Prokopetz, Safety Advisor



There is no price tag on health or life ...
Safety is an investment

Started working at the SCSA
April 2013

Regions you serve

The SCSA has provided me with lots of opportunities to work in various regions across Saskatchewan, including Regina, Saskatoon, Yorkton, Foam Lake, Esterhazy, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Kindersley, Hudson Bay, and Moosomin. I've performed numerous SCSA Safety Demonstrations, participated in a wide range of company Safety Day Events, instructed SCSA courses, and conducted numerous company worksite inspections and audits throughout the province.

Background in safety/construction

I retained a wealth of safety knowledge from residential sites, to commercial/industrial mine sites, lumber mills, coop refinery sites, etc. I was engaged in a farming operation for twenty years where safety was essential in operating the equipment, as well as working with the chemicals, pesticides, and herbicides I was in contact with. When it comes to construction, I was involved in

building our family home, which required a great deal of safety implementation. I was also a volunteer firefighter at one point and I drove a school bus for 15 years. The safety sector played a big role in both of those jobs. Lastly, I experienced a serious injury that left me in a quadriplegic state. That experience in itself taught me so much about the importance of taking safety seriously wherever you may be. It took a lot of time and money to rehabilitate and re-educate myself back to health.

Favourite safety topic

Safety in general is a very passionate topic for me, whether it is at work, on site, or at home.

Favourite safety demo

The Eye Protection Safety Demo is one of my favourite demos. It seems to be quite a “wow” factor for clientele when it is demonstrated. Eyes are definitely irreplaceable. Other limbs you can learn to accommodate, with or without a prosthetic; not so much with your eyes.

Favourite part of your job

Being a Safety Advisor gives me the opportunity to meet clients and assist them with a lot of different aspects of their safety management programs. Whether it's at their office, on site, or over the telephone, we are able to assist them with whatever they need.

A question you get asked a lot

Is safety these days taken overboard? I usually tell clients that there is no price tag on health or life and that safety is an investment into their future.

Challenges you see in construction safety

I see compliance to Saskatchewan legislation/regulations as a major challenge for companies in the residential sector. It seems like it's a challenge for them to understand new ways of working and working safely. Just because a job was done in a certain way that may have been good enough for your father, and good enough for your grandfather, doesn't mean it's automatically good enough for you. Jobs, safe work practices, safe work procedures, technology, education, innovations are changing all the time and it's crucial to educate these groups to keep them current with way things can be done in the safest way possible.

Current goals as a Safety Advisor

To be the best safety professional possible and assist companies in working safely in order to alleviate potential property damage, injuries, or fatalities on their worksites.

Recent accomplishments

Educating companies to work safely and assisting them with achieving COR® or SECOR® certification. This is a very rewarding accomplishment. Proud moment: a Yorkton Company that I assisted in attaining COR won the Saskatchewan Safety Award. To me this is a huge accomplishment!

Sebastian Marktanner, Senior Safety Advisor



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Started working at the SCSA

October 2015

Regions you serve

All of Saskatchewan

Background in safety/construction

I worked as an Operations Manager for a flooring company in Moose Jaw before coming to the SCSA where I received all of my safety training and eventually earned my National Construction Safety Officer (NCSO) designation.

Favourite safety topic

Safety management and the development of safety manuals is one of my favourite areas because it is the backbone of a strong safety system.

Favourite safety demo

The Eye Protection Safety Demo is my favourite because it's a good way to grab people's attention. It's one of the most memorable demos we do and hopefully workers remember me shooting a nail gun into to a pair of safety glasses the next time they're complacent about wearing their personal protective equipment.

Favourite part of your job

Talking to new people during site visits because it broadens my perspective and knowledge of the construction industry.

A question you get asked a lot

How much does safety cost? I usually tell them that our Safety Advisors offer free advice and assistance, which can cost a lot if you hire a consultant or a private firm.

Challenges you see in construction safety

Residential construction fall protection use and training. People argue and try to reason their way out of using personal protective equipment, or using it properly, as outlined by legislation. Getting others to make safety a habit is a real challenge.

Current goals as a Safety Advisor

To bring more training to my regions in Moose Jaw and Swift Current.

Recent accomplishments

I received my National Construction Safety Officer designation in July of 2015.