



Stand for Safety

SEIU-West Worker Safety Committee

Worker Safety Committee Mission Statement:

Create strategies and programs that broaden awareness of safety for all SEIU West members. We will strive to be a knowledgeable resource for staff, Executive Board and members and offer education and support for all members on matters relating to Occupational Health and Safety.

The SEIU-West Worker Safety Committee (WSC) would like to welcome you to your new job. Your safety at work is important and that is why your workplace has an Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) committee made up of SEIU-West members like you and management representatives.

The role of your workplace OH&S committee is to deal with all safety concerns in the workplace. They do so by setting and enforcing standards, providing training, education and encouraging continual improvement in workplace health and safety.

Key things you should know:

1. *How to report an injury.* Ask your supervisor where the forms are and what the process is to report an injury.
2. *Where the OH&S bulletin board is located in your workplace.* This is an important tool in communicating OH&S related items, like meetings, updates and training.
3. *Who sits on your workplace OH&S committee.* Knowing who to reach out to if you have a safety concern is helpful.
4. *What is going on with OH&S legislation.* Visit the WSC page on www.seiuwest.ca to find out the latest about legislative changes, Stand for Safety bulletins and safety hot topic information sheets.

Your three legal rights are:

The right to know

- the safety hazards at work
- the precautions needed to reduce or eliminate the hazard
- all safety training

The right to participate

- in the day-to-day detection, evaluation and reduction of workplace hazards
- on your OH&S committee, as elected by your peers or appointed by your trade union

The right to refuse

- unsafe or unusually dangerous work without fear of repercussion

Remember, all members can access support and assistance from SEIU-West. You can call the Member Resource Centre 1.888.999.SEIU (1.888.999.7348) or check out the website www.seiuwest.ca.



Check out our committee page on www.SEIUWEST.ca.