

The Manitoba Construction Safety Performance Survey Ends on Labour Day!

Businesses who haven't done the Manitoba Construction Safety Performance Survey yet, still have a chance – but only until **Labour Day!**

The *Manitoba Construction Safety Performance Survey* is a tool to help businesses evaluate and advance their safety and health programs. Hundreds of construction firms across Manitoba have already participated.

Small investment – big return

The survey questions focus on key leading indicators - they ask you to think about aspects of your current safety and health practices that can drive improvements.

Mike Jones, Executive Director of the Construction Safety Association of Manitoba (CSAM), took the survey himself: “It takes you into a short but deep dive on your program - you have to consider what you are doing for the protection of you and your workers and how well you're doing it. It's like a mini audit – that takes only 15 minutes!”

Each participating business receives a benchmarking report that shows where they stand against the rest of the industry and where to focus efforts to refine their safety programs.

David Wiebe, Regional Safety Manager with Stuart Olson, is pleased to be a member of the project advisory committee.

“We are looking forward to the Leading Indicator Benchmarking Report. Safety is an essential component of our DNA at Stuart Olson and it is a privilege to support CSAM in their efforts to identify relevant leading indicators for injury and illness prevention in the Manitoba construction sector. The evidenced-based reports will assist all of us in improving our health and safety performance and culture.”

Participants get feedback on their safety culture, training programs, hazard detection, ergonomics and more. “When you have your performance report in hand, you'll see how it's a small investment - for a big return,” Mike adds.

The survey has the stamp of approval from professionals in the construction industry in Manitoba. They formed an advisory committee for the project, which is being led by CSAM in partnership with the Institute for Work & Health (IWH), a not-for-profit health and safety research organization in Toronto, Ontario.

Dashboard – a legacy to raise the bar for safety

Firms who take the short survey will be contributing to a legacy for the industry too: a safety benchmarking dashboard. All the survey data will be combined to allow any firm immediate access to high-quality benchmarks useful for targeting safety improvements and improving performance over time.

Peter Cooke from Ambassador Mechanical L.P. is also a member of the initiative's advisory committee.

He understands the value of the dashboard: “Being able to compare safety performance to other construction firms in our industry is a very helpful tool in determining the effectiveness of our own safety program. We have not had anything like this dashboard, the information will be an additional asset to monitor our ever-evolving safety management system.”

Two team members from the IWH are calling firms now for the last chance to take the survey. It can be done by phone, online or even on a hardcopy survey by mail and it's confidential. This means that answers are between the IWH team member and the participant only.

Mike Jones challenges everyone who is contacted to make it a productive part of their day. “When else can you do an assessment of your safety program in just 15 minutes? You'll get back more in spades,” he says. “Do it for your company – your workers – and for the industry as a whole.”

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