

New One-Call System Information

Over the last several years, Western Canada's One-Call centres have experienced a continual shift towards online locate requests. In order to facilitate co-operation and further improve efficiency, the one-call centres in Western Canada (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba) aligned their business rules for using one-call services. As part of this process, the one call centres in Western Canada decided to adopt a single software solution.

On January 11, 2019 the new one-call software will go live linking the partner provinces to one common website: BeforeYouDigPartners.com.

To minimize the impact of transitioning to the new interface, YOUR Construction Safety Association invited you to join a Webinar hosted by the Manitoba Common Ground Alliance on December 12, 2018.

This Webinar allowed for participants to interact with a trainer to understand the best opportunities within the new programing for booking a project locate.

Want to learn more about the new one-call software before it launches in January? Contact CSAM at safety@constructionsafety.ca or 204-775-3171



Manitoba to Harmonize Occupational Safety & Health Regulations with Other Provinces

Manitoba's Premier Brian Pallister has announced that Manitoba has become the first province to harmonize occupational safety and health regulations in several key areas to reduce barriers to interprovincial trade and increase labour mobility, while maintaining protections for workers.

The amendments to The Workplace Safety and Health Regulation include:

- updating first-aid kits and first-aid certifications in accordance with newly developed CSA standards as part of a national system for workplace first aid;
- extending baseline hearing test requirements from within 70 days of hire to up to six months and replace annual hearing reports with requirements to report every two years;
- clarifying existing requirements for the provision and use of several types of PPE including high-visibility safety apparel, hearing protection, life jackets and personal flotation devices; and
- ensuring a secondary air supply is carried on the person or within arm's reach for workers working in dangerous atmospheres.

Workplace Safety and Health Recommendations

Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health is working to implement the amendments. The Branch may take the opportunity to remove duplicate or contradictory provisions within the sections mentioned or reword sections to improve clarity.

For more information about these amendments please visit [Workplace Safety and Health's Frequently Asked Questions about the Harmonization of Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Amendments](#).

Read the full news release announcing the changes [here](#).