



Search on-line for Hazard Alert poster

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WCB has a new search engine for hazard alert posters. These highly popular one-page bulletins show real workplace accidents such as fatalities or traumatic injuries and how to prevent them. These posters provide important, pictorial safety messages for you and your workers.

You can try out the new search feature at <http://publications.healthandsafetycentre.org/s/HazardAlerts.asp>.

The new search engine features more than 250 posters spanning 10 years. You can search for posters by keyword or browse by category, including topic, industry, year, equipment (ex. excavator, forklift etc...), or accident type. Posters are displayed as thumbnails to allow for quick scanning. You can view the posters either as HTML pages or you can print out higher-quality PDF files. You can also e-mail posters to colleagues and friends.

WCB has been soliciting feedback from industry stakeholders. Please tell us if you think this product will be useful or send us suggestions for improvement by clicking on the feedback link on the main hazard alert search page.

New NOP saves time and money

If time is money employers can save some of both by using a new online version of the Notice of Project (NOP) form required for specific construction projects.

Occupational Health & Safety Regulation 20.2 requires employers to file the NOP form at least 24 hours in advance of any project that exceeds \$100,000 for labour and material costs, or involves permanent or temporary works designed by a professional engineer, or fits other specialized criteria.

Previously, meeting the regulatory requirement meant obtaining a printed WCB form, completing it manually, submitting the paperwork and posting a copy on the job site.

That method is still acceptable, but soon the employer will also be able to meet the requirement electronically. Early in April the employer will be able to complete and file the NOP online, and print the hard copy necessary for posting at the work site.

Some key features of the new system:

- ▶ It reflects revisions to the regulations introduced in 1998.
- ▶ The single online form accommodates multiple project types (construction, asbestos/lead removal, forestry, diving and underground workings).
- ▶ A confirmation number is generated automatically as the form is filed.
- ▶ Employers can indicate online what additional documentation is to follow.

The new electronic NOP and many more construction resources can be found at:

<http://construction.healthandsafetycentre.com/s/Home.asp>.

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