



Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia

Occupational Health and Safety

UPDATED Summary Results

Young Worker Blitz Week Survey

June 2000

of survey responses: 1,022

Highlights

- 57% of the workers interviewed had received workplace health and safety training at school. The workers' shop instructor or regular classroom teacher were the most common persons to train the workers.
- 77% of workers interviewed had worked at a previous job and 54% had received health and safety training at that previous job.
- 44% of workers interviewed would talk to their supervisor if they were concerned about a hazardous workplace situation.
- 83% of the workers interviewed felt that young workers (persons 24 years of age and younger) were more likely to be injured at work than older workers.
- Almost half of all workers interviewed felt that education and awareness about workplace health and safety is the most effective method of preventing workplace injuries.
- 67% of the workers interviewed were 24 years of age or younger and 53% were male.

1a. Have you ever received workplace health and safety training at school?

Yes	580	(57%)
No	409	(40%)
N/A	27	(3%)
No Response	6	(1%)
TOTAL	1,022	

1b. If you did receive health and safety training at school, who from?

CAPP Coordinator	152	(12%)
Trades Instructor	133	(10%)
Shop Instructor	201	(15%)
Regular Classroom Teacher	172	(13%)
Arts Instructor	10	(1%)
Technical Skill instructor	76	(6%)
WCB Officer	115	(9%)
No Response	456	(35%)
TOTAL	1,315	<i>multiple responses permitted.</i>

2. Is this your 1st paid job in the workforce?

Yes	189	(18%)
No	792	(77%)
No Response	41	(4%)
TOTAL	1,022	

3. Have you ever received any health and safety training at any previous job?

Yes	549	(54%)
No	313	(31%)
No Response	160	(16%)
TOTAL	1,022	

4. What kind of workplace safety orientation did you receive?

Emergency/accident simulations	257	(7%)
Food safety use	273	(7%)
Fire safety/fire drill/fire extinguisher	434	(11%)
First aid	389	(10%)
Location of emergency equipment	478	(13%)
Safety procedures	466	(12%)
General awareness seminar	361	(9%)
WHMIS training	373	(10%)
Video/book/pamphlet	349	(9%)
Seminar	106	(3%)
Other	63	(2%)
No Response	260	(7%)
TOTAL	3,809	<i>multiple responses permitted.</i>

5. Who would you speak to about a hazardous workplace situation?

A co-worker, your age	159	(9%)
A more experienced co-worker	340	(20%)
Supervisor	744	(44%)
The WCB	213	(13%)
A parent	109	(6%)
Friends, outside work	67	(4%)
No one	10	(1%)
Other	11	(1%)
No Response	33	(2%)
TOTAL	1,686	<i>multiple responses permitted.</i>

6. Who do you think is more likely to be injured at work?

A worker under 24	7853	(83%)
A worker over 25	114	(11%)
No Response	55	(5%)
TOTAL	1,022	

8. Which one thing is the most effective in preventing occupational disease and injuries among young workers?

Education and awareness about workplace health and safety	474	(46%)
Develop safer work procedures	38	(4%)
Involve workers in solving health and safety issues	58	(6%)
Training workers on safe work practices	253	(25%)
Stronger enforcement of workplace health and safety requirements	93	(9%)
Develop safer equipment	15	(1%)
No Response	91	(9%)
TOTAL	1,022	

Age of worker interviewed.

15-19 years	286	(28%)
20-24 years	394	(39%)
25 years and over	151	(15%)
No Response	191	(19%)
TOTAL	1,022	

Worker's gender.

Male	542	(53%)
Female	270	(26%)
No Response	210	(21%)
TOTAL	1,022	

Industry.

Construction	158	(15%)
Manufacturing	132	(13%)
Forest Products Manufacturing	101	(10%)
Forestry	61	(6%)
Hospitality	101	(10%)
Retail Services	103	(10%)
Health Care	25	(2%)
Other	159	(15%)
No Response	195	(19%)
TOTAL	1,035	<i>multiple responses permitted.</i>