



SAFETY TALK

10 Simple Ways to Save on Safety

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Too often company owners and project managers complain about the costs related to safety and that these costs have no payback. But when was the last time a contractor was awarded a project or even a pre-qualification to bid without a health and safety policy and program?

If you aren't even on the list, you aren't winning contracts and you sure aren't profiting!

While safety is an expense every company needs to bare, it costs even more when you don't have it in place - an incident could now cost your incorporated business \$1.5 million per occurrence in MOL fines alone.

The good news is there are many ways to save money and reduce your safety expenses for all sizes of construction businesses.

Here are 10 tips you can implement to reduce costs and maximise the value of the items you do need to spend a little extra on.

1. Get your WSIB and First Aid Regulations posters free! Order via the WSIB website as a registered WSIB customer and they are free -

including shipping!

2. Set up a free account with service publications to get free materials in hard copy or via free download www.publications.servi-ceontario.ca

3. If you have access to a coloured printer and laminator then this is a great free tool for saving big dollars on temporary signage on sites, like fire extinguisher located here signage, even PPE signs that warn or inform others and can be made in other languages. www.mysafety-sign.com/free-safety-signs these cannot replace regulatory signage for specific hazards such as "Danger Due to Overhead Powerlines" as these need to meet the requirements set out in the Construction Regulations.

4. Buy Danger Due to Signs in Bulk. One offs can run from \$6-\$22.00. I have been able to buy locally from places like Battlefield in stacks of 50 at a cost of around \$4-5 per sign watch for flyer specials or ask what bulk deals they have going. There is nothing stopping you having your own made either check with local sign makers and printers.

5. Take time to read the negative comments on MOL site visit reports, they give you lots of links to

free tools to help you.

6. If you can't afford to buy a "green book" every year, download and print the latest version from www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/ Print and Post on site to meet requirements. Relying on electronic versions on site is not the same as posting and does not qualify.

7. Free training materials, training and access to free samples of safe work practices and other great stuff, in simple formats everyone can understand is available for free to anyone with a construction WSIB rate group. Register at www.IHSA.ca. They also have a great downloadable apps to help with site level information too.

8. Shop your safety stores and know what you really need over what is upsold. If you're working indoors and don't need a full rescue basket, straps and spinal board be clear! Ask for a fold up stretcher and buy blanket at places like giant tiger or other department stores, you may not get them or want them back after use so don't go for the hospital grade heavy duties high cost item.

9. Train your own workers in house when possible. There is a misconception
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groups and Associations in the region to create an even stronger voice for the industry.

None of what the LDCA does would be possible without the effort and commitment of our staff at the LDCA. Led by our Executive Director Mike Carter, they have done great work delivering the programs and services of the Association and on behalf of the Board and the Members, I want to thank Mike and all the staff for their exceptional effort on this and encourage them to keep up the good work!

Have a successful and safe 2018 construction season!

Regards
Rick Krygsman
Rick became President of the LDCA in March 2018

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ception all training has to be outsourced, or that all training has to have an expiry date and you have to re-certify over and over. Sometimes this is true, but often it is not and you find yourself re-doing programs over and over – costing you in fees, lost productivity and wages.

10. Share! Safety is not classed as proprietary information. If you see something that could work for your company, copy it and modify it to suit the work you do. Just be sure that you do what you say, don't just use it for looks as this may cost you in the long run.