



JOIN THE 2010 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY GROUP!

**A WORKPLACE SAFETY AND INSURANCE BOARD (WSIB)
INJURY/ILLNESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE AND REBATE PROGRAM!**

The Transportation Health and Safety Association of Ontario (THSAO) would encourage your company to explore the health and safety prevention opportunities and financial incentives that are available to your firm through the Transportation Safety Group. **Since 2000, participating Transportation Safety Group firms have experienced reduced LTI frequencies and have received rebates totaling \$11,154,756.55. For 2007 the TSG received a rebate of \$3,915,226.97.**

We are currently recruiting companies to join the Transportation Safety Group for the year 2010. Success is measured in injury/illness prevention activities and rewarded with potential WSIB Group Rebates for those companies that participate.

The Safety Group initiative is a WSIB Rebate Incentive Program only. A firm's individual experience rating is not affected by participation in the Group. There is no penalty if the Group does not succeed. Participation is voluntary and a firm can withdraw at any time.

The Transportation Safety Group members currently include firms representing: General Trucking, Courier Services, Ready Mix Concrete, Air Transport, Air Transport Services, Warehousing, Miscellaneous Transport Industries, School Bus, Ambulance Operation, Lumber and Builders' Supplies and Waste Materials Recycling.

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN A SAFETY GROUP MAY INCLUDE:

- decreased frequency of injury and illnesses in the workplace and reduced claims costs
- enhanced due diligence and internal responsibility
- positive public/customer perception
- potential financial rebate from the WSIB Safety Group Program
- increased individual rebate under WSIB MAPP or NEER Programs
- develop skills in claims management, return to work and develop improved occupational health and safety programs
- a cost effective opportunity for a firm to become compliant in occupational health and safety issues and increase compliance with legislative safety requirements
- networking and mentoring with other member firms and the sharing of best practices

HOW THE SAFETY GROUP FUNCTIONS

The Safety Group meets on a regular basis to develop programs, strategies and network on the 'best practices' in health and safety and claims management.

- A Baseline Workplace Assessment is performed to determine the strengths and weaknesses of a company's current health and safety system. The individual firms will choose 5 elements (safety topics) to work on for the year.
- Safety Group meetings/seminars are scheduled throughout the year. It is a mandatory requirement of the Safety Group program for firms to attend a minimum of 3 meetings in the calendar year (Many Safety Group participants attend more than the minimum requirement).
- At each meeting a facilitator will provide the opportunity to learn and network with other firms on a variety of topics relevant to the needs of your company and the Safety Group.
- There are Progress Reports to be completed in May and September, a Year-end Workplace Assessment and a Year-end Achievement Report.
- All firms in the Safety Group may be requested to participate in a spot check of at least 10% of the firms in the Group. The purpose of the spot check is to validate that the work is being accomplished and to assist the employer with guidance in implementing workplace health and safety initiatives.

HOW TO JOIN THE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY GROUP FOR 2010

All applications must be received no later November 30th, 2009.

Please complete the WSIB Safety Group application form (found at the following link:

http://www.thsao.on.ca/docs/appl_form.pdf and fax or email to:

Attention Joe Covey: **Fax: 416-744-3124** or email: joe.covey@thsao.on.ca

Once the Application Form has been submitted, you will receive a copy of the 2010 Transportation Safety Group Participant's Manual for completion.

If you have any further questions regarding the Safety Group Program, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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