

You are invited to attend

Vancouver Island Safety Conference: November 1, 2008

“Human Factors - Why bad things happen to good people!”

Substance abuse, human factors, fatigue, technological changes and an aging workforce all contribute to injuries in the Pulp and Paper, Wood Products Manufacturing, Forestry and related Transportation sectors. To assist industry in meeting these challenges and to find new ways of helping workers and employers recognize wellness in industry, a steering committee made up of industry, union and WorkSafeBC representatives has planned a **free** one-day conference. Attending the 2008 Vancouver Island Safety Conference may also satisfy the eight hours of safety committee training requirement in the Workers' Compensation Act part 135 Educational Leave.

“Human Factors - Why bad things happen to good people!” is a co-operative safety conference focusing on wellness from a personal perspective, a peer perspective and from a responsibility perspective. This conference will bring together health and safety committee co-chairs, safety representatives, employers, union representatives, policy makers, owner operators and industry leaders to discuss strategies on how to dramatically reduce and ultimately eliminate fatalities and serious injuries associated with human factors while on the job.

Some planned conference workshop topics and presenters include:

- *Redefining Impairment* - MaryAnn Arcand, BCFSC
- *Identifying Hazards / Assessing Risk : Keys to Success* – Ross Munro, WFP EHS Advisor
- *Under the Surface: Incident Root Causes* – Michael Duff, WorkSafe OSO
- Other topics and presenters to be determined

The event details are as follows:

Date: **November 1, 2008**
Location: **Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
747 Jones Street
Qualicum Beach, BC**

Registration: **7:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.**
Conference: **8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Please RSVP with the names of participants by September 2, 2008. Attached is a registration form to save to your hard drive, fill in, and send as an e-mail attachment to: visc@bcforestsafe.org OR you can fill it in, print it out, and fax it to 250-741-1068.

Seating is limited; we strongly encourage you to pre-register early to guarantee your seat at the conference. **As there is no charge for this conference, please bring a non-perishable food item to donate for the Steelworkers food bank.**

For more information, please contact Chris Warburton, Senior Regional Officer, WorkSafeBC, Nanaimo office at 250-751-8060. E-mail inquiries can be directed to visc@bcforestsafe.org