

News from the Transportation Health & Safety Association of Ontario

CANADIANS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT DISTRACTED DRIVING

A new poll by the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) shows that Canadians are becoming increasingly concerned about distracted driving. In 2001, only 40% of Canadians considered distracted driving a serious problem. Results from this new poll show that this number has risen to almost 70%. [Read More: http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/whatNew/whatNew.cfm?intNewsID=232&intContactID=12](http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/whatNew/whatNew.cfm?intNewsID=232&intContactID=12)



ROAD WARRIORS (Road Rage—Why are our Highways Turning into Battlefields?)

Aggressive driving is thought to be a factor in two-thirds of fatal collisions and one in every two Canadians admits to being involved in [road rage behaviour](#). Investigate what's turning Canada's roads into a battleground – and what is being done about it.



SAFETY PAYS! - Join the 2008 Transportation Safety Group Rebate Program!

Since 2002, participating Transportation Safety Group firms have experienced reductions in Lost Time Injuries and have subsequently received WSIB rebates totaling \$4,849,101.54. [Join today!!!](#)



OUTSTANDING RESULTS PRODUCED BY ONTARIO'S WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY STRATEGY - 20% Reduction in Workplace injuries is targeted

[Read More: www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/news/2007/07-44b.html](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/news/2007/07-44b.html)



Workplace Violence

Workplace Violence has not gone unnoticed by the Ontario Ministry of Labour. In a joint effort with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, the ministry is making workplace violence a priority through a new province-wide workplace violence prevention initiative. This initiative authorizes inspectors to make orders and issue directives to employers in "high risk" industries. Is your workplace at risk? [Read more: http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/violence.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/violence.html)



PREVENTING WORK-RELATED ROADWAY COLLISIONS (NEW THSAO PROGRAM—TO BE PRESENTED AT FORUM NORTH)

Learn how to systematically manage your road safety program. This new program covers trends and other indicators in work-related motor vehicle collisions, outlines the multiple benefits of managing road safety, legal provisions and much more....[Read More: www.thsao.on.ca/training.html#prevent](http://www.thsao.on.ca/training.html#prevent). For this and other related THSAO Road Safety programs visit: <http://www.thsao.on.ca/mvi.html>. Take advantage of an opportunity to preview this program being presented by THSAO at [Forum North](#) in Thunder Bay on Thurs. Nov. 8/07 10:30 AM (Viking Room).



MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS ?

WSIB Statistics indicate that the leading causes of injuries to the workers in our Sector are **not** the result of road collisions but rather from the daily routine physical tasks performed by them. These include but are not limited to lifting, carrying, climbing, bending, etc. Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSD) are injuries affecting muscles, tendons, ligaments and nerves. They are sometimes called Repetitive Strain Injuries (RSI), Cumulative Trauma Disorders (CTD) and Repetitive Motion Injuries (RMI). MSD develop due to the effects of repetitive, forceful or awkward movements on joints, ligaments and other soft tissues. Some MSD injuries include Low Back Strain, Neck Strain, Tendonitis, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS), Rotator Cuff Syndrome, and Tennis Elbow (Epicondylitis). Take the opportunity to review [Ontario MSD Guidelines](#) at: www.wsib.on.ca/wsib/wsibsite.nsf/public/PreventMSD; and [Read More about MSD's—cre-msd.uwaterloo.ca/](#)



THSAO – We are Here to Assist You with your Health & Safety Needs.

Permit us to introduce you to the Transportation Health & Safety Association of Ontario (THSAO). Our Association is one of 14 sector specific workplace associations dedicated to the advancement and promotion of safe & healthy workplace practices in businesses across Ontario. THSAO is mandated by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Act and we engage in education and training, consulting and safety assessments in workplaces, in pursuit of that objective. As our title denotes, THSAO is dedicated primarily to working with companies and personnel in the transportation industry.

Our team of industry professionals is available to serve you in this regard.

Learn More:



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.thsao.on.ca

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