



Notice to OH&S Stewards re: OH&S Courses

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OH&S Stewards who wish to take a basic occupational health and safety course before the fall, are encouraged to consider taking one of the following courses being offered in May and June:

1 - HSA's Basic OH&S Steward course

This 2 day course will be offered at HSA's Vancouver office June 17 & 18, 2002. HSA pays the costs of attending this course, including wage replacement, so this course can be taken in addition to the 8 hours of employer-paid OH&S training to which joint OH&S committee members are entitled each year. Additional information can be obtained [here \(EB02-10\)](#). Eligible stewards should complete a [*registration form](#) and return it to the HSA Office (Attention: Karin Herbert) as soon as possible or by May 31, 2002. All HSA OH&S Stewards are encouraged to take this course.

2 - OHSAH's Joint OH&S Committee Training

Stewards can apply to take one or both days of the training offered by the B.C. Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare (OHSAH). This course is designed specifically for the healthcare sector. OHSAH encourages all members of a worksite's Joint OH&S Committee to take the training together, but will consider training fewer members of the committee where some members are unable to attend, or have already taken the OHSAH training. OHSAH provides the training and materials at no charge. Committees who wish to take the training together can contact OHSAH to schedule a course in their area. Individuals can contact OHSAH to attend a course already scheduled in their area (see course schedule below). Committee members are entitled to take 1 day of this course as the 8 hours of employer-paid OH&S training to which joint OH&S committee members are entitled each year. Employers are required to pay reasonable costs associated with taking 8 hours of the course per year, including wage replacement. Employers may agree to pay for both days in 1 year. Individuals must have completed Day 1 of the course, or some other basic OH&S course in order to take Day 2 of the training. Additional information about OHSAH courses is available at OHSAH's website at www.ohsah.bc.ca or by phoning OHSAH at (604) 775-4034.

3 - BC Federation of Labour's Basic OH&S course

Committee members are entitled to take this 1-day course as the 8 hours of employer-paid OH&S training to which joint OH&S committee members are entitled each year. Employers pay reasonable costs associated with taking the course, including wage replacement, and the course fee of \$85.00. The Federation of Labour is offering courses in several locations around the province in May and June. While many of you may be receiving your eight-hour training through OHSAH, those OH&S Stewards who are not employed in the health sector (and who therefore are less likely to be eligible for the OHSAH training), as well as those who received OHSAH training in a previous year, may want to consider registering for the BCFL course. Additional information about BCFL courses is available at the Federation's website at www.bcfed.com or by phoning the BCFL at (604) 430-1421.

Click [here](#) to find out how to request your paid health and safety education leave. (PDF file - requires [Adobe Acrobat](#))

NOTE:

As stated above, either the OHSAH training or the BCFL course can be taken in addition to the training offered through HSA. All 3 basic courses cover the OH&S Regulations, OH&S programs, safety inspections, accident investigations, safety committees and refusing unsafe work. HSA's course also deals with your rights and responsibilities as HSA Stewards.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Courses are being offered at the following locations and times:

1. HSA Basic OH&S Steward Course		
Vancouver	Monday & Tuesday June 17 & 18, 2002 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	HSA Office #300 - 5118 Joyce Street Vancouver, B.C.
2. OHSAH Joint OH&S Committee Training		
Vancouver	Wednesday, June 19, 2002 Day 2 only	Yaletown House 1099 Cambie Street Vancouver, B.C.
<i>OHSAH may be able to schedule additional dates and locations. Contact Lindsay McKee at OHSAH for additional information. Tel: (604) 775-4034 Fax: (604) 775-4031 Email: lindsay@ohsah.bc.ca</i>		
3. BC Federation of Labour Basic OH&S Course		
Powell River	Friday, May 24, 2002 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Dwight Hall 6274 Walnut Street Powell River, B.C.
Vancouver	Thursday, May 30, 2002 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	BCFL Boardroom A/B #200 - 5118 Joyce Street Vancouver, B.C.
Dawson Creek	Monday, June 17, 2002 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Dawson Creek Hospital Assembly Hall 11103 - 13th Street Dawson Creek, B.C.
Langley	Tuesday, June 18, 2002 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	IWA Canada Langley #202 - 9292 - 200th Street Langley, B.C.
Fort St. John	Tuesday, June 18, 2002 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	BCGEU Office 10251 - 100th Street Fort St. John, B.C.
4. BC Federation of Labour (One Day Advanced Course) - Exposure to Workplace Toxins: Protecting our Health & Environment		
Vancouver	Tuesday, June 25, 2002 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Hospital Employees' Union Office Room 8 - 5000 North Fraser Way Burnaby, B.C.
Squamish	Wednesday, June 26, 2002 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Howe Sound Teachers' Association 38161 - 2nd Avenue Squamish, B.C.
Campbell River	Tuesday, June 27, 2002 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Montfort House, UBC Farm 4650 Regent Road Campbell River, B.C.
Duncan	Tuesday, July 30, 2002 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Cowichan Community Centre Boardroom 2687 James Street Duncan, B.C.

For more information and future course dates, phone the BCFL at (604)430-1421, check the Federation website at www.bcfed.com and follow the links, or e-mail fed_ohs_ed@telus.net. The Occupational Health and Safety Education Project is funded by B.C.'s Workers Compensation Board.

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