

Managing Hazards



We know workplaces have the responsibility to protect workers and their mental and physical wellbeing. The ACSA heard there are several workplace hazards that challenge worksites on a consistent basis. Most often, these hazards are specific issues that commonly cause harm to employers and staff. We heard that the ACSA could provide more training and resources to deal with specific hazard risk and mitigation.

The following hazards (in no particular order) were identified to the ACSA as ongoing safety challenges in the workplace:

- Covid-19
- Ergonomics
- Mental health
- Wildlife
- Confined spaces
- Asbestos
- Airborne contaminants
- Hand injuries
- Air quality
- Ground disturbance
- Equipment safety
- H2S
- Environmental risks
- Safe driving
- Remote work
- Silica
- Heights
- Toxic fumes
- Electric shock
- Pinch points



Supporting Safety Culture

Creating a culture of safety in the workplace is essential to ensuring those in the construction industry can show up and leave work without risk of injury—both physically and mentally. ACSA heard that keeping up to date on safety protocols, best practises, and learnings can remove lost time, extra costs, and irritation that comes along with the risks and frustrations of an unsafe work environment.

ACSA thanks its members and stakeholders for participating in our recent engagement efforts. The content below summarizes what we heard about the challenges and opportunities that participants identified related to ongoing changes in the safety industry.



COVID – 19 Pandemic

ACSA understands the impacts that COVID-19 has had on the construction industry. The infectious disease, Coronavirus (COVID-19), has affected all aspects of our lives since March of 2020.

We heard that the challenges related the pandemic has had a significant impact on our members, employers, and staff. Challenges included creating COVID-19 appropriate worksites, enforcing mask use during work, the mental health, and economic implications to businesses across Alberta.

ACSA heard that sharing best practices and information related to implementing measures regarding the global health crisis could help support and foster safety culture in the evolving rules and regulations. Ensuring that we're all following the same set of guidelines will mitigate risks when it comes to slowing the spread of the deadly virus.



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