

# AWARE NS

Nova Scotia Health + Community Services Safety Association

April 2017

## Events



### Today is *Day of Mourning*

***April 28th is the National Day of Mourning.***

Every year on April 28 we pay our respects to, and remember, the thousands of workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents.

We also honor the many families and friends who have been deeply affected by these tragedies.

[Click here to view the list of ceremony locations across Nova Scotia.](#)

### **AWARE-NS Annual General Meeting**

***Please join us for the AWARE-NS Annual General***

## OHS Training Tools

### [SDL Course Booklet](#) -

Use this checklist to keep track of your training progress in our [Self-Directed Learning Centre](#)

[Stay At Work/Return To Work User Guide](#)

## More News

### [Steps for Life-](#)

[Walking for Families of Workplace Tragedy - Saturday April 29th.](#)

**WSIS 2017 AGM**  
- Monday June 19, 2017

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[Amendments Make It Easier for Emergency Response Works](#)

## Meeting

Tuesday,

June 6, 2017 9:30am-11:30pm

We invite you to celebrate the accomplishments we've made in 2016, along with the progress we've made in 2017. This includes an update on the five-year

*Workplace Safety Action Plan for Nova Scotia's Health and Community Services Sectors.*

Location: **Northwood Ivany Place, Great Room**

**123 Gary Martin Dr. Bedford**

## News

### AWARE-NS Board Recruitment

The Nominating Committee of the board of AWARE-NS, the Nova Scotia Health & Community Services Safety Association, is seeking applications for three Board positions that will become available at the Annual General Meeting, June 6, 2017.

[For more information or to download an application, click here.](#)

### Workplace Safety Action Plan\*

**What's New?**

[to Access PTSD Benefits.](#)

### Classroom Registration

**JOHS Committee Training:**

[Incident Investigation, Hazard ID and Workplace Inspection.](#)

[Internal Responsibility System, Safety Accountability and JOHSC Awareness.](#)

**Safety for Supervisors and Managers Training**

[Incident Investigation, Hazard ID and Workplace Inspection.](#)

[SAFER Leadership](#)

**Contact us for your Violence Risk Assessment Calculator Tool**

### Online Learning



After months of gathering input from hundreds of health and community services workers across Nova Scotia, the consultation phase has concluded.

**[Click here to view the Consultation Findings Report.](#)**

**[Stay up to date on the \*Workplace Safety Action Plan for Nova Scotia's Health and Community Services Sectors.\*](#)**

\*Led by AWARE -NS, the Departments of Health and Wellness, Labour and Advanced Education, and Community Services, the NS Health Authority, IWK Health Centre, and WCB NS.

## Transportation of Dangerous Goods

### New Online Training Modules

Are you transporting blood and other samples to labs for testing? IF SO.... Did you know you need Transportation of Dangerous Goods Training? For more information or to take the training, [click here.](#)

## Reflecting on Safety

### Health Care Safety Award



The number of potential health and safety risks in any health-care organization is astounding. Not only do you need to worry about slips and trips, musculoskeletal disorders and chemical handling, but biological agents can be found around every corner. And of course there is always the pressure of keeping patients safe, too.

If your health-care organization truly knows only healthy and safe workers can ensure their patients are healthy and safe, we want to hear from you for the Canada's Safest Employers' Health Care Safety award.

**New**

**[Transportation of Dangerous Goods](#)**

**[Contractor Safety Orientation](#)**

Intended for contract workers visiting your organization.

**[Code White Awareness](#)**



**AWARE-NS is implementing a Safety Management System. To download some of these resources, click the links below.**

**[-Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee](#)**

**[-Emergency Preparedness: Code White](#)**

**[-Contractor Safety Training Resources](#)**

**More Events**

[Click here](#) to nominate your company for the Health Care award as part of Canada's Safest Employers awards. **Nominations close June 1.**

For more information about Canada's Safest Employers,

visit [www.safestemployers.com](http://www.safestemployers.com).

[Click here](#) for sponsorship opportunities.

## Amendments to the OHS Act

**Effective June 12, 2017**

In April 2016, government introduced and passed Amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to help keep Nova Scotians safe at work. Most employers in Nova Scotia operate safe workplaces. However, there are some who repeatedly break serious health and safety rules, putting Nova Scotians at risk of serious injury or death. The amendments hold those employers more accountable...[Read More](#)

## EMPOWER - Recruiting Participants

The EMPOWER Partnership is a team of researchers, health experts, stakeholders across the world that recognize the importance of worker health and well-being.

There are currently five EMPOWER programs; ACTION, WORC, LEAD, Leading Healthy Workplaces and SPHERE.

[For more information on EMPOWER and how you can get involved, click here.](#)

## NASHH

The National Alliance for Safety & Health in Healthcare (NASHH) was established in February 2016 to reduce and eliminate workplace injuries on the frontline of health and seniors care in Canada. AWARE-NS, along with six other other provincial senior care safety associations representing nurses, care aides and other care providers, we support workplace safety best practices and fostering a culture of safety in healthcare with a common focus on long-term and home care.

[To learn more about NASHH, click here.](#)

**Northwood  
Research  
Symposium- Best  
Western, Burnside**  
Friday, June 16  
2017

**NAOSH Week  
Symposium-**  
Dartmouth May 8,  
2017

**Health Sector  
Council AGM -**  
Bedford June 22,  
2017

## Related Links

**Threads of Life**

**National NAOSH  
Week**



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