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May 28, 2021 – Announcing New Initiative Aimed at Raising Awareness about Falls Occurring in the Construction Industry

The Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Safety Association (NLCSA) has partnered with WorkplaceNL and the Occupational Health and Safety Division of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL, to promote Fall Prevention Awareness Week from May 31-June 4, 2021.

As falls continue to be a leading cause of injury throughout the province, the aim of this initiative is twofold: to raise awareness about fall hazards and how they can be eliminated or mitigated; and promote a positive workplace culture relating to fall prevention.

- From 2015-2019, 610 workers in the construction industry received medical aid or lost time from work and 4 workers lost their lives due to falls.
- The injury rate for falls from height in the construction industry is three times the provincial rate.
- Falls account for 21.6 percent of total WorkplaceNL claims in the construction industry.
- Of WorkplaceNL fall claims in the construction industry, 46.1 percent were from falls on a floor, walkway or surface, not from a height.

Employers can visit the Fall Prevention Awareness website to access webinars, safety talks and other educational resources to assist with developing and implementing fall prevention strategies in their respective workplaces.

“We can all do our part to prevent injury due to falls by identifying hazards, encouraging workers to report risks, and participating in education around workplace safety. During Fall Prevention Awareness Week, we join with our safety partners to highlight the importance of working safely together.”

Hon. Sarah Stoodley, Minister of Digital Government and Service NL

“Over the years, we have collectively made gains in reducing injuries due to falls in the construction industry from improved fall protection training and better safe work practices. However, we know that there is still work to do so that all workers return home safe at the end of their workday. Fall Prevention Awareness Week is a time to remind all workers and supervisors of the importance of fall protection and

controlling hazards at the worksite, this week and every week, WorkplaceNL will continue to work with workplaces, the NLCSA and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to help prevent fall-related workplace injuries”.

Dennis Hogan, CEO, WorkplaceNL.

“Falls continue to be a leading cause of injury in the construction industry. With our partners WorkplaceNL and Digital Government & Service NL, we hope to raise awareness about fall hazards occurring in the industry and provide employers with education and resources to help prevent falls in their respective workplaces”.

Jackie Manuel, CEO of NLCSA.

Related Links

[Fall Prevention Awareness Week](#)

About the NLCSA

NLCSA is an industry-driven, not-for-profit association, founded in 1996 by 16 construction-related (including the CHBA-NL) organizations. NLCSA takes a leadership role in lowering risk and preventing injury within the construction industry. We all share a common purpose to ensure “no harm done” to construction workers in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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