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Occupational Health and Safety Practices Study

In long-term care homes

The Partnership for Work, Health and Safety, a research unit of the University of British Columbia (UBC), is recruiting long-term care homes to participate in an occupational health and safety practices study. This study is focused on understanding how a care home's health, safety and disability practices are related to occupational injuries and illness. The end goal of this study is establish a set of leading health and safety indicators that long-term care homes can use to assess and improve their health and safety performance.

The initial phase of the study is focused on the private long-term care home sector in British Columbia and all organizations in this sector will be contacted by UBC study investigators and invited to participate. This UBC project is funded by WorkSafeBC and has the full endorsement of SafeCare BC, the health and safety association for private long-term care homes.

Long-term care homes that have agreed to participate will be asked to have two individuals (one representing management and one representing labour) fill out a 10 minute web-based questionnaire at each workplace. This survey asks respondents about their workplace's health and safety policies and practices. These responses will be linked with previous and current occupational illnesses and injuries. All data collected or used by UBC study investigators will be maintained in strict confidence. Participating organizations will receive a summary report describing the health and safety practices for the long-term care home sector.

“This is a groundbreaking project. The results from this survey in conjunction with assessment in future years can be used to monitor improvement in occupational health and safety in this sector and to help reduce occupational illness and disease” says Dr. Chris McLeod, UBC Assistant Professor and Principal Investigator of the project.

The study is currently open to workplaces in the private long-term care home sector. To learn more about the study please visit www.pwhs.ubc.ca or contact Suhail Marino, UBC Project Manager, at suhail.marino@ubc.ca or 604-822-0200.



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