

Partnership for Work, Health and Safety

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Occupational Health & Safety Practices Study

The Partnership for Work, Health and Safety, a research unit of the University of British Columbia (UBC), is working with FIOSA-MIOSA Safety Alliance of BC and WorkSafeBC to understand how an organization's health, safety and disability practices are related to occupational injuries and illness. The goal of our study is to establish a set of leading health and safety indicators that firms can use to assess and improve their performance.

We are recruiting firms to participate in this study. Eligible organizations include signatories of the Safety Charter in all sectors, holders of the OSSE certification standard, and all other BC food processing and manufacturing firms. All eligible organizations will be contacted by UBC study investigators and invited to participate. Organizations that agree to participate will be asked to have two individuals (one manager and one employee) fill out a 10 minute web-based questionnaire. This questionnaire asks respondents about their workplace's health and safety policies and practices. 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 health and safety practices among organizations in the study.

"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.

"We encourage you to participate in this study to help us understand whether we are moving forward in the direction of our goals in reducing injuries and costs and creating a positive safety culture in our industry" says Lisa McGuire, CEO, FIOSA-MIOSA Safety Alliance of BC.

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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