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JHSC REFRESHER ONTARIO ONLY

Have your certified JHSC members scheduled their Refresher training?

With the new year on the horizon, now is the time to schedule any required JHSC Refresher Training! Any members set to expire in 2024 should schedule their refresher training as soon as possible. As per the Certification Training Standard, JHSC Refresher Training must be completed every three years before the certificate expires to remain certified. If this date lapses, the member will need to redo the full Part 1 and Part 2 again.



The following distance sessions are currently scheduled in 2024, and additional dates may be added if there is demand. The refresher is a full day of training from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. To register, download the registration form here and email along with your preferred training date to cert@systems24-7.com.

January 9, 2024

April 9, 2024

July 9, 2024

November 12, 2024

Other Reminders

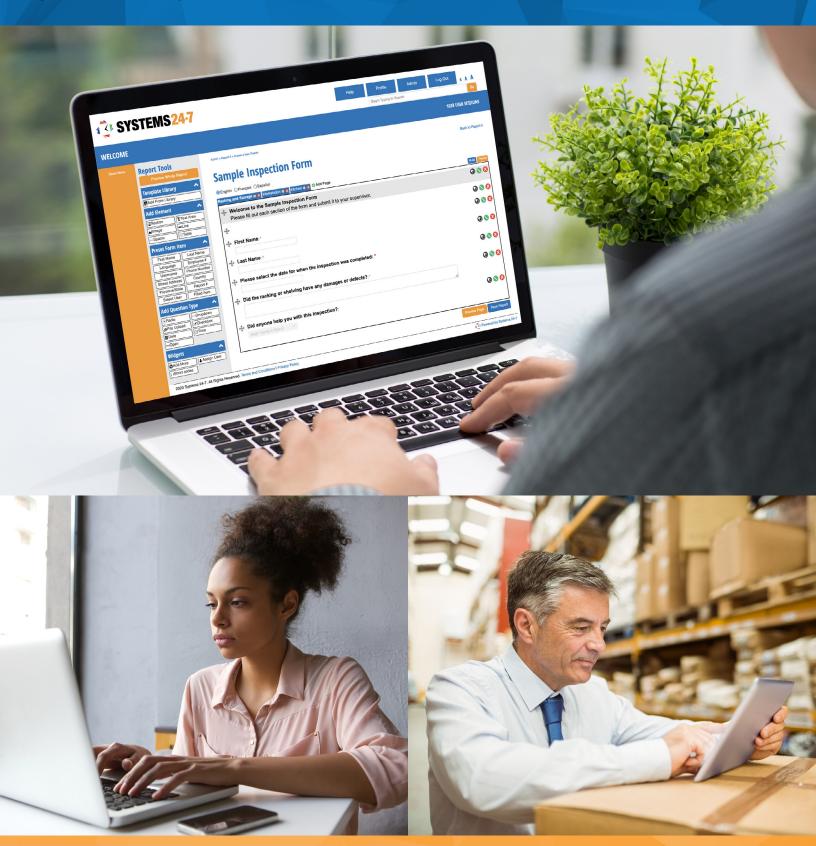
Dunk & Associates offers the full suite of JHSC Certification Training including Part 1 eLearning, distance and in-class, Part 2 distance and in-class, and Refresher distance and in-class. Our full schedule for 2024 is available here: https://www.systems24-7.com/training-schedule

If you are interested in scheduling one of our instructors to provide in-class training for any of our approved programs in 2024, please email us at cert@systems24-7.com or call us at 1-866-754-8839.

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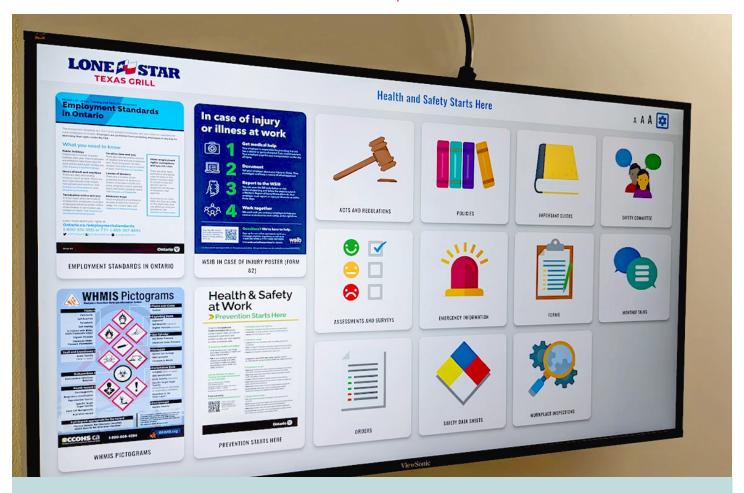




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TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

ANNOUNCEMENT



Exciting News Alert! We're thrilled to announce that Lone Star Texas Grill is leading the way in revolutionizing workplace safety. They're the FIRST in Canada to embrace our cutting-edge digital health and safety board.

Kudos to the Lone Star team for being pioneers in creating a safer and more engaging workplace. With our state-of-the-art digital touchscreen board AND secure online access via Systems 24-7 accounts, safety is literally at your fingertips, anytime, anywhere.

Want to learn more about the digital boards? Click here for more information.



Compliance Packages Posted

For those clients using our Safety or HR Professional Services, your compliance packages are posted. Log on to **Systems 24-7** and select the Compliance Package feature to view your instructions.

For health and safety, all assignments must be completed to keep your program in compliance.

SAFETY AND HR UPDATES

NEW COURSES



Driver Safety Awareness

Driving presents many significant hazards that have the potential to cause serious injury or death. For workers who drive either a company vehicle or their own vehicle on the job, safe driving is a matter of occupational safety. This module provides workers with an in-depth look at common causes of accidents and factors that affect driver safety. Learners will examine safe driving rules, winter driving hazards, and learn how and when to share the road. Finally, this module looks at dangerous situations and provides clarity to the steps to take after an accident occurs.

MSD Basics

Every day the human body faces wear and tear. Whether it be from a long commute, a gruelling workout, lifting heavy objects, or completing repetitive tasks; it all takes a toll. Workers have the right to be aware of the hazards they face on the job and know how to control those hazards. Musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) are one of those hazards. MSD Basics educates learners on what MSDs are, including the main risk factors, how to identify controls for MSDs and practice guidelines for safe movement.





Radio Frequency Safety Awareness

Almost every area of your day-to-day life uses radio frequency (RF) energy. It keeps us connected through radio signals, wifi, and cellular devices. Though RF energy is useful, it can pose a considerable health risk associated with RF radiation. This module is intended for those who work with or around transmission towers. It reviews the hazards associated with RF energy, symptoms of exposure, control measures, and safe work practices.

SAFETY AND HR UPDATES

NEW COURSES



Annual Safety Review 2024

This training module is designed to review and refresh employees on health and safety basics. It covers WHMIS updates and routes of entry, responding to incidents of workplace violence, hazard controls, and communicable diseases. It also includes basic information on the purpose and goal of investigations as well as workers' roles in investigations. It is important for employees to review Health & Safety topics on a regular basis to refresh the information and keep up to date with any changes that may occur.

Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA)

Manitoba Only. Not every disability is visible. Nearly one in four Manitobans have a disability. These can include vision impairment, deafness, hard of hearing, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, or even mental health disabilities. The AMA was developed by the Government of Manitoba to ensure that the province is accessible to all people and to remove any barriers that it can. It requires that every employer and employee in Manitoba take training on the AMA and the Manitoba Human Rights Code. By taking this course,



participants will learn how Manitoba's accessibility law and the Manitoba Human Rights Code help to remove barriers to access and will become familiar with the requirements to guide accessible customer service and your organization's accessible employment practices.

Coming Early January 2024 - Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health

Fear and misunderstanding about mental health disorders often lead to prejudice against people with mental illness and addictions. Stigma surrounding mental health can create toxic or unsafe environments for those suffering from mental health disorders. Some people believe that those with mental health issues are faking or exaggerating their issues. This stigma around mental health leads to feelings of hopelessness and shame in those struggling to cope with their situation, creating situations where employees may feel afraid to speak up or get help.

Recent Important Legislation Updates

When the law changes, it rarely hits the mainstream news. Don't worry, Dunk & Associates does the work for you! Each month we monitor the changes and communicate them to you here! If the update has or will result in changes to training, we are responsible for making them. For our private Health and Safety or HR clients, we update relevant policies and programs and communicate with you regarding any changes in your compliance packages.



To see a list of recent changes, please click here.

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IMPORTANT DATE

January 25: Bell Let's Talk Day

Dedicated to moving mental health forward in Canada, Bell Let's Talk Day promotes awareness, acceptance and action with a strategy built on 4 key pillars:

Anti-Stigma

Care & Access

Research

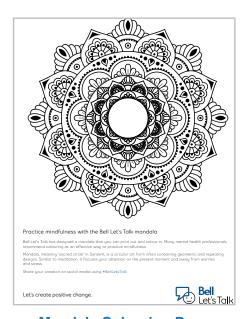
Workplace Leadership

To learn more visit: https://letstalk.bell.ca/

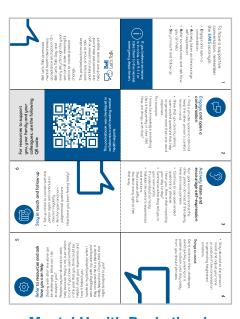
Below are some resources from Bell Let's Talk. Click on each image to download, print and complete.







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Mental Health Pocketbook

Below are some Dunk & Associates/Systems 24-7 mental health resources. Keep an eye out for our new course coming in early January "Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health", if you would be interesting in this mental health-related course, contact us today









SAFETY AND HR UPDATES

FEATURED ARTICLE

Happy New Year!



Happy New Year! This time of year is infamously known for setting (and forgetting) resolutions for the year to come. Resolutions tend to fail because we think too big, we don't consider the "why", and sometimes we're just not ready for change. You may be wondering what does this have to do with health and safety? Well, believe it or not, when we reach out to our clients to check on the program, we hear the same thing, time and time again. "We don't have time" or "the person who was handling it left" or, our least favourite response "we don't see the purpose." In order to make your health and safety program stick, let's consider how to approach your health and safety program in small, attainable steps, look at the "why", and finally admit to ourselves it's time to change!

Let's get started by talking about the January Compliance Package. If you are a private client of Dunk & Associates, you may be set up to receive monthly compliance packages. These compliance packages outline the activities and steps needed to remain in compliance with your existing health and safety program, should an OHS Inspector/Officer arrive at your workplace. All of the steps are included in broken-out activities; all you need to do is complete them! Don't get caught up thinking you must completely overhaul your program; work with what you have, update what needs to be updated, and keep safety in your mind. You'll be surprised at how small changes can snowball into an effective and compliant program!

We've all come to work with a specific goal or action plan for the day and everything goes sideways, including your goal and plan. Do you stop going to work the next day? Hopefully not! If you schedule a few hours to work on your health and safety program and that day goes off the rails, don't abandon it! Try to squeeze in some time the following day or within that week. Putting off the task until the next week may be just enough time to forget about it. We understand that life happens but make a solid effort to complete the tasks.

Next, let's think about why we need compliant health and safety programs. We know that effective health and safety programs reduce the risk of injuries and illnesses, lessen the impact on your business when they occur, and improve your business's reputation, overall morale, and productivity. Seems like a no-brainer. We all want our employees to come to work, do their jobs safely, and go home to their families at the end of the day. That is the ultimate why.

Hopefully, the last paragraph inspired you to make a commitment to your health and safety program. Remember that at the end of the day, you can choose to make time for your program, or you can choose not to. Do you want your staff to work safely, saving significant premiums and costs associated with workers' compensation claims? Or do you still not have time?

We hope this pep talk has had an impact on you and your program. Should you have any questions, concerns, thoughts, or even want to talk about your program with one of our professional staff, please do not hesitate! Reach out via email support@systems24-7.com or call us toll free at 1-866-754-8839.

We look forward to our upcoming calls and conversations about your health and safety programs and the differences you see once you are fully committed to safety!

EXCELLENCE UPDATES

REMINDER

Mandatory Webinars for HSEp

Just a reminder that all Guidance & Instruction webinars are mandatory for all of our HSEp Members (both the SB HSEp and regular HSEp). Attendance is taken for each webinar and if not attended, there are recordings on the Dunk Portal for you to watch which are found on your Dashboard.



Attending these webinars will provide you with updates to the program and legislation in Ontario. If not attended, you could possibly receive an incomplete in the program as you did not follow the program requirements. This would also result in more work as your evidence submissions will be sent back by Dunk for you to redo until the program requirements are met.

Below is a link to all upcoming webinars along with what program participants should attend. We have also included a link to the recording of the most recent webinar. Don't forget to send us an email to let us know you watched the recording to excellence@systems24-7.com so we can add your attendance to the list.

UPCOMING HSEp WEBINARS

HSEp GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTION WEBINAR

January 16, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:00 am EST

SMALL BUSINESS HSEP INSTRUCTION WEBINAR: STEPS 1, 2, 3, AND PROGRAM ORIENTATION

March 12, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:00 am EDT

HSEp GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTION WEBINAR

April 16, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:00 am EDT

SMALL BUSINESS HSEp INSTRUCTION WEBINAR: STEPS 4, 5, AND 6

June 11, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:00 am EDT

HSEP GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTION WEBINAR

July 16, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:00 am EDT

RECORDED WEBINARS

HSEp Guidance & Instruction | Recorded on: October 10th, 2023

EXCELLENCE UPDATES

FEATURED ARTICLE

Is HSEp Right For Our Business?

It's hard to believe that we are now into 2024, and yet here we are! With a new year comes the task of reviewing, updating, and planning for your 2024 Health and Safety Program. Some of you may be trying to decide if your program needs a complete overhaul, a few updates, or some additions to your existing program. That's where WSIB's Health and Safety Excellence program (HSEp) comes in. Depending on what you need to do with your program, there may be money on the table to address these items. With the current cost of operating a business, why not seek funding to improve your Health and Safety program? The HSEp requires time and effort to complete, but if the work has to be done anyway, why not join and receive a rebate.

What is HSEp?

WSIB's HSEp recognizes an Employer's and workplace's efforts in safety and provides a clear road map for Ontario businesses to improve health and safety and achieve recognition to help make your workplace a safer place to work. Members can select anywhere from one to five preselected topics to implement into their workplace and upon successful completion, earn both financial and non-financial rewards, all while creating a safer workplace culture.

What are the financial rewards?

If your topics are successfully validated by the WSIB, you will receive a rebate for your time and efforts in the program. The rebate value is determined by varying factors, but you can expect to receive a minimum rebate of \$1000 per topic, up to a maximum of 100% of your previous years' premiums.

How can Dunk & Associates help?

Dunk & Associates is an approved provider of the HSEp. We have been a provider with the WSIB since 2003 and are now one of the most experienced approved providers in the province. We engage with each business enrolled in the program and meet you where you are on your safety journey. Whether you have one employee or ten thousand, we provide you with the resources to assist you in building your safety program. We pride ourselves in making the HSEp journey a fulfilling experience.

What's Next?

If you're interested in potentially exploring the HSEp with us as you provider, click on the links below to learn more. If you have any additional questions, we are only a phone call **1-866-754-8839** or email **excellence@systems24-7.com** away.

Employers with Over 100 Employees



Employers with under 100 Employees



JANUARY WEBINARS

Register now for our monthly webinars

H&S COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING

January 17, 2024 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm EST

Is your health and safety program stuck on dial-up? Are your updates as slow and unread as snail mail? Join us as we discuss how to bring your health and safety training and communication into 2024. Make sure you are following all your requirements. One-time communication or only doing online training is not enough!



Registration is free to all our monthly webinars. Seats are limited, register today!



2024 WEBINAR LIST

RECORDED WEBINARS

Wrap It Up! Our Year in Review | December 20, 2023

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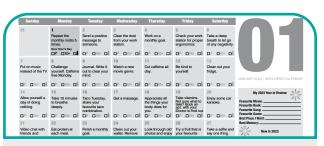
2024 WELLNESS CALENDAR

Building wellness into your daily activities can take some time. Learning new habits takes work! Each year Dunk & Associates publishes a wellness calendar full of activities, daily tips and monthly mottos. Each month is different from the next and includes fun challenges to help with work wellness and work-life balance.



2024 FULL COLOUR & INTERACTIVE

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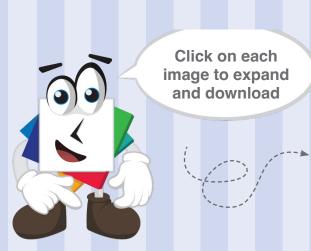


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YOUR OTHER COMPLIMENTARY RESOURCES THIS MONTH





Are We Up To-Date About You?



Cold Related Emergencies



Financial Well-Being

THANKS FOR READING. **SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**







