The goal of NAOSH Week is to focus the attention of employers, employees, the general public and all partners in occupational health and safety on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace and at home.

We are striving to:

- Increase understanding of the benefits of investment in occupational health and safety.
- Raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety and health professionals.
- Reduce workplace injuries and illness by encouraging new health and safety activities and interest in NAOSH Week.

This continent-wide event is an excellent opportunity to reinforce and strengthen commitment to occupational safety and health in the workplace and by increasing public safety awareness.

For more information about NAOSH Week visit the web site www.naosh.ca

“Build a Safe Beginning”

North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, May 2-8, allows Canada, the United States and Mexico to jointly make their respective working populations aware of the importance of preventing workplace illnesses and injuries.
The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS), the Hamilton Safe Communities Coalition, Youth Employment Network and Hamilton and District Chapter of CSSE, invite you to attend a series of complimentary workshops and join us as we celebrate North American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Hamilton Safety Week.

Of interest to small and large businesses alike, these informal, content-rich 60 minute sessions will be conducted by health and safety professionals from the Hamilton community.

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The event will be held at CCOHS 135 Hunter Street East, Hamilton, Ontario
RSVP: clientservices@ccohs.ca or 905-570-8094
Check CCOHS’ website for information on parking www.ccohs.ca

FREE Health and Safety Workshops

8:00-8:30 am Registration

8:30 am – 9:30 am
Ergonomic Interventions in the Manufacturing and Service Industry
The application of ergonomics involving workplace design, more effective work methods, improved information and awareness and training can prevent musculoskeletal disorders such as carpal tunnel syndrome. The results of an ergonomic study to investigate, identify, and reduce risk factors that may cause musculoskeletal disorders in the manufacturing and service industry with practical suggestions to match theory to practice is the topic of this session.
SESSION LEADER: RENZO BERTOLLINI, CCOHS SUBJECT SPECIALIST

9:30 am – 10:30 am
Aging Workforce: OH&S Solutions
Need to know how to maximize your programs for a changing (and aging) workforce? While a well-designed workplace benefits everyone, there are some things older workers may need to work safely and comfortably. Physical and mental changes occur as people age – we can’t do much about that. What we can do is offer solutions and practices that prevent these changes from becoming hindrances. We will take a look at different work situations (sitting, carrying heavy loads, computer work, etc), the impact on older workers, and how to keep them safe and free of injury.
SESSION LEADER: JAN CHAPPEL, CCOHS INQUIRIES/CHEMICAL INFORMATION OFFICER

10:45 am – 11:45 am
Bill C-45
Bill C-45 came into force March 31, 2004 and will treat workplace accidents as criminal negligence. The bill places an emphasis on the personal responsibilities and liabilities of each individual to take any and all reasonable precautions for the protection of the health and safety of a worker. This session will cover the highlights of this bill in plain language.
SESSION LEADER: BHAWANI PATHAK, CCOHS PROJECT SCIENTIST

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
What Youth Need to Know Before Entering the Workplace
This interactive joint session aimed at both youth and employers will cover the basics that young workers and employers need to know BEFORE a young worker enters a workplace. Topics covered will include hazard awareness, basic workplace rights, and responsibilities of both workers and employers.
This session will be held at: careerworx! 23 Main Street East, Hamilton
SESSION LEADER: BILL BOWMAN, WSIB

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

12:15 noon to 2:00 pm
Official Launch of North American Occupational Safety & Health Week and Hamilton Safety Week!

Agenda includes:
Celebration and acknowledgement of Hamilton Safety Week

2004 Dick Martin Scholarship Award
Winners of the Dick Martin Scholarship will be announced. The scholarship fund was established by the CCOHS Council of Governors in memory of Dick Martin, a tireless pioneer of workplace health and safety in Canada. This annual, national award is available to students enrolled in post-secondary occupational health and safety programmes in Canada.

View Workers Arts & Heritage Centre exhibits
WAHC will be sharing exhibits relating to the arts, culture and heritage of working people and working class history in Canada.

Presentation to local Co-op school Programs & Youth Employment Centres
In recognition of the need for new workers to have health and safety information readily available to inform them of workplace hazards, CCOHS will be making a presentation to Hamilton’s secondary school co-op programs and youth employment centres.

View the finalists entries in the third annual Ontario Workplace Safety Student Video Awards
The Ontario Workplace Safety & Insurance Board will once again announce their winners of this award during NAOSH Week. We’re pleased that we’ll be able to have the finalist videos available to view during the Hamilton NAOSH activities.

Light refreshments will be served