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## BCSA CALENDAR

# We'll be there – join us!

### SEPTEMBER 23 – 26

**BC Moments: Cool, Warm, Smart.** Trade & Convention Centre, Penticton.  
Union of BC Municipalities annual convention – this year's theme:  
*Will our children's children be able to say we made a difference?*  
Information: [www.civicnet.bc.ca](http://www.civicnet.bc.ca)  
Contact: 604.270.8226/ubcm@civicnet.bc.ca

### SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 2

**2008 Health & Safety Summit.** Coast Capri Hotel, Kelowna.  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. BCSA President & CEO Harry Diemer will be a  
keynote speaker and will present the BCSA's Top 10 Safety Tips.  
Information: [www.safetycouncil.bc.ca](http://www.safetycouncil.bc.ca)  
Contact: 1.800.420.7730/info@safetycouncil.bc.ca

### THE HEALTH & SAFETY SUMMIT WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

**OCTOBER 21 – 24** Coast Inn of the North, Prince George

**NOVEMBER 18 – 21** Delta Victoria, Ocean Pointe, Victoria

**DECEMBER 2 – 5** Coast Hotel and Conference Centre, Langley

### OCTOBER 1

**Electrix Learning Expo.** Pacific Coliseum, Vancouver.  
An opportunity for local companies to showcase new or innovative products  
and services. Come by the BCSA booth for our latest safety tips.  
Information: [www.bcea.bc.ca](http://www.bcea.bc.ca)  
Contact: 604.291.7708

### OCTOBER 16 – 18

**Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) Annual Public Meeting.** Grand Okanagan Resort, Kelowna.  
BCSA's Chief Operating Officer Catherine Roome will be a keynote speaker.  
Information: [www.apeg.bc.ca](http://www.apeg.bc.ca)  
Contact: 1.888.430.8035/apeginfo@apeg.bc.ca

### OCTOBER 16 – 19

**Vancouver Home and Interior Design Show.** BC Place.  
Vancouver's largest home show featuring all the latest trends, design  
and renovating tips from industry leaders. Visit the BCSA booth to learn  
what you should do before starting any renovations.  
Information: [www.vancouverhomeandinteriordesignshow.com](http://www.vancouverhomeandinteriordesignshow.com)  
Contact: 1.800.633.8332/jillproseilo@dmgworldmedia.com

### OCTOBER 24 – 25

**Fuelling the Economy of the Future.** Trade & Convention Centre, Penticton.  
A Symposium on Engineering, Science & Technology Education. BCSA's  
Chief Operating Officer Catherine Roome will be a keynote speaker.  
Information: [www.ubc.ca/okanagan](http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan)  
Contact: 250.807.8723/engineering.okanagan@ubc.ca



The BCSA attends tradeshows all around the province. See calendar on this page for upcoming tradeshows.

## Contractors encouraged to use safety brochure

Gas and electrical contractors are being encouraged to include a free *Heads Up For Safety* brochure with every home renovation quote they provide.

The BC Safety Authority's *Heads Up For Safety* public awareness campaign hammers home the message that homeowners should hire licensed contractors and have the necessary permits for home renovations involving regulated gas and electrical work.

The *Heads Up For Safety* brochures are available free from the BC Safety Authority. Contractors can add value to their work when they include the brochure with their renovation quotations.

Individuals can also look forward to the new BC Safety Authority vehicle sticker. The decal can be displayed on a vehicle to promote one's status as a contractor who is licensed by the Safety Authority and qualified to do regulated work.

Both the brochure and the decal provide licensed contractors with a distinct edge over those who remain unlicensed or do work without a proper permit.

To obtain a package of *Heads Up For Safety* brochures to hand out, call the BC Safety Authority at 1.866.566.7233. The 2009 vehicle decals will be distributed to all licensed contractors in the coming months.

Homeowners and contractors may visit the BCSA website at [www.safetyauthority.ca](http://www.safetyauthority.ca) to download information on home renovations and application forms for gas and electrical permits and a listing of all licensed contractors.

## Our Accident Prevention Model at work

“We believe safety is a right, not an option, achievable through our Accident Prevention Model.”

Every year in BC over 1,000 people die because of unnecessary accidents. That’s the equivalent of a whole village wiped off the map.

Often, after an accident, people wonder: “How could we have prevented this? What could we have done differently?”

That’s where the BC Safety Authority steps in. In partnership with industry and the safety community, we do whatever is reasonably possible to remove the “What ifs...”, the “Should haves...” and the “Could haves...” from our environment by preventing disastrous accidents from happening in the first place.

We believe we can improve safety through the Accident Prevention Model—a four-pronged approach that puts the emphasis on education and outreach, enforcement, research and inspection. This new approach is all about preventing hazards that cause accidents from being introduced into our living, working and playing environment in the first place.

“Safety is a right, not an option, and the best way to maximize safety for everyone is through education and enforcement,” says Harry Diemer, BCSA President & CEO. “The Accident Prevention Model is a more collaborative and effective approach to safety, and expands on the largely inspection-oriented approach seen previously in this province.”

View our new video that helps explain the Accident Prevention Model at work. Visit [www.safetyauthority.ca](http://www.safetyauthority.ca) and go to **About BCSA/Accident Prevention Model**.



Wayne Lock, Provincial Gas Safety Manager (right), and an excavating contractor discuss the BCSA’s latest approach to safety, the Accident Prevention Model.

## Annual Public Meeting

### EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS TO FOCUS ON SAFETY

More than 90 people turned out for the BC Safety Authority Annual Public Meeting held in June.

Highlights from the Annual Public Meeting included a report back on key projects and strategies implemented in 2007, an update on the Accident Prevention Model (see related story this page), and the Safety Authority’s new focus on safety-related education.

A few key education campaigns that are being piloted this year in partnership with the safety community include: Can You Dig It – for excavators to prevent damage of underground gas lines; Elevator and Escalator Safety – for seniors and people with disabilities to prevent trips or falls; and Rider Safety on Ski Hills – for parents and children, to prevent accidents on chairlifts.

Keynote speeches from the Annual Public Meeting, the newly released 2007 Annual Report and a video are posted on the BCSA website at [www.safetyauthority.ca](http://www.safetyauthority.ca) (go to **About BCSA/Annual Public Meeting**).

## What’s the State of Safety in BC?

The Safety Authority’s 2007 State of Safety Report is now available online at [www.safetyauthority.ca/news/publications](http://www.safetyauthority.ca/news/publications).

This annual report lists safety incidents in BC in each of the technologies overseen by the BC Safety Authority and summarizes the findings. Sharing information about incidents enables us to work with our industry partners to identify safety trends and take action to minimize hazards. It also enables us to launch education campaigns in response to specific safety issues.

If you wish to receive a hard copy of the report, please send an email with your request and your mailing address to: [info@safetyauthority.ca](mailto:info@safetyauthority.ca).

Lieutenant Governor's **AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY 2008**

## Nomination Form

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE: **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008**

Please print clearly. All information must be completed in full.

Include this form with every nomination package.

### AWARD CATEGORY

I am submitting this nomination for an:

- Individual Award    Organization Award    Lifetime Achievement Award

### APPLICABLE INDUSTRY SECTOR

Does this nomination relate to one or more of the industry sectors overseen by the BC Safety Authority in the province?

Yes, it relates to:

- amusement rides  
 boilers, pressure vessels and refrigeration systems  
 electrical equipment or systems  
 elevating devices such as elevators and escalators  
 gas appliances or systems, including hydrogen  
 passenger ropeways such as ski lifts  
 railways

No, it relates to (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Nomination Requirements

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008**

A complete nomination package\* must include:

**Nomination Form:** Please complete the attached nomination form in full, and submit it with all documentation.

**Nomination Description:** Provide up to a one-page description of the reasons the individual or organization should be considered for an award.

**Nominee Profile:** Provide a one-page personal biography or corporate profile.

**Supporting Reference Letters:** Provide two letters supporting the nomination. Letters must be signed and include contact information.

**Optional:** Provide up to three pages of additional information or supporting documentation about your nominee.

All materials must be submitted on 8.5" x 11" paper. Only one copy is necessary. Please note it is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure that the nomination package is complete and includes the supporting reference letters at the time it is submitted to the BC Safety Authority. Nomination packages will not be returned and will be kept confidential. Additional nomination forms are available at [www.safetyauthority.ca](http://www.safetyauthority.ca).

Please submit nomination packages by mail or in person to:

ATTENTION:

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All documentation must be received by the nominations deadline. We regret that late or incomplete submissions will not be considered by the Lieutenant Governor's Public Safety Advisory Committee.

\*Nomination packages may not be faxed or e-mailed as original letters and signatures are required.

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## Know a champ?

The BC Safety Authority is seeking nominations of outstanding individuals and organizations who are making our communities and workplaces safer. You are encouraged to fill out the Call for Nominations form located on page 4.

The Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Public Safety, presented by the BC Safety Authority, honour those who demonstrate exceptional leadership, achievements or innovation in the promotion of safety in our province.

Last year, Don Nelson, Industry and Labour Services Manager of WorkSafeBC, received the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his lifelong passion for workplace health and safety, particularly in the construction industry.

The recipient of the Individual Award was Ronald Thomas Caldwell, Vice-President of Health, Safety and Disability Management for the Mining Association of British Columbia. He was recognized for having created significant changes that not only directly affect mining operations but have contributed to that industry achieving the safest heavy industry record in BC.

The Organization Award went to BC One Call, a non-profit association that provides a one-call system that minimizes the risk associated with accidents involving buried utilities from gas lines to electrical wires.

"There are many safety heroes in BC, and they deserve to be recognized," says Harry Diemer, President & CEO of the BC Safety Authority. "Their leadership, dedication and commitment have significantly improved the safety system in British Columbia."

Nominations must be received by Monday, Sept. 29. All nominations will be reviewed by the Lieutenant Governor's Public Safety Advisory Committee that includes a senior staff member of the BC Safety Authority as well as representatives from partnering safety organizations, and respected individuals in the safety field.

Award recipients will be recognized at a luncheon being held Nov. 26 at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre.



## About the BC Safety Authority

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WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THE SAFETY OF THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRY SECTORS IN THE PROVINCE:

- amusement rides
- boilers, pressure vessels and refrigeration systems
- electrical equipment and systems
- elevating devices such as elevators and escalators
- gas appliances or systems, including hydrogen
- passenger ropeways such as ski lifts, and
- railways

STATISTICS ON OUR SERVICES (FOR 2007)

- We issued 185,000 permits.
- We issued over 2,900 electrical installation permits for homeowners and more than 57,000 electrical installation permits for contractors.

- We issued over 550 gas installation permits for homeowners and more than 39,000 gas installation permits for contractors.
- More than 4,400 electrical contractors are registered with us.
- More than 2,100 gas contractors are registered with us.
- Over 75,000 boiler, pressure vessel and refrigeration units are registered with us (2008).
- Over 24,000 elevating devices units are registered with us.
- We assessed more than 71,000 pieces of technical equipment.
- We inspected more than 225 passenger ropeways, such as ski lifts, T-bars, gondolas and rope tows.
- We conducted 3,500 Certificate of Qualification examinations.
- We are one of only 24 organizations worldwide to be accredited by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers as an Authorized Inspection Agency.

## Health and Safety Summit starts September 29

British Columbia's only traveling health and safety education event, the 2008 Health and Safety Summit, kicks off in Kelowna Sept. 29 to Oct. 2.

The event will focus on safety in the community and workplace with emphasis on progressive safety measures in the following areas: young worker safety, electrical safety, young driver safety, supervisor safety management, gas safety, construction safety, elevator/escalator safety, boiler safety and legal responsibilities.

Harry Diemer, President & Chief Executive Officer of the BC Safety Authority, will speak on Accident Prevention and the top 10 safety tips to keep you and your family safe.

From Kelowna, the four-day summit will move to Prince George (Oct. 21 – 24), Victoria (Nov. 18 – 21) and Langley (Dec. 2 – 5).

The BC Safety Authority is a gold sponsor of the Safety Summit, which is spearheaded by the British Columbia Safety Council. For more information, call 1-800-420-7730 or visit [www.safetycouncil.bc.ca](http://www.safetycouncil.bc.ca).

## Feedback wanted!

In an effort to continually improve our services, we're looking for feedback about our website, which can be found at [www.safetyauthority.ca](http://www.safetyauthority.ca). Any suggestions we receive will be considered as we begin the process of revamping our website. We're looking for ideas on design, navigation and content needs, or maybe you like a particular website and would care to share with us their web address. Go to [www.safetyauthority.ca](http://www.safetyauthority.ca) and have your say today!

Your feedback is also important to us so we can serve you better. Tell us:

- what you think of this newsletter
- what you'd like to read about in the future
- do you prefer this sent to you by email or regular mail?

All thoughts and ideas welcome. Please email:

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