



OSSA launches new online training resource for over 74,000 firms

Safework - the most comprehensive health and safety product for small and medium-sized businesses

Toronto – February 9, 2009: The Ontario Service Safety Alliance (OSSA), the designated health and safety association for the service sector in Ontario, has launched Safework, a subscription-based online training resource designed to help over 74,000 small and medium-sized businesses meet their legal requirements.

The new subscription-based web site, with more than 135 separate health and safety training pieces, is perhaps the most comprehensive and affordable product available to small and medium-sized businesses. The site includes training workbooks, presentations, surveys and templates that are downloadable and printable and is thus ideal for businesses interested in do-it-yourself, cost-effective health and safety solutions. Also included in the product is OSSA's Occupational Health & Safety Starter Kit.

Priced at \$349 per business location for the first year's subscription, Safework offers tremendous value to small businesses in particular due to 14 service sector hazard assessment modules. Firms, irrespective of size, are expected to manage hazards at their workplace. These hazard modules provide an effective mechanism for them to train their staff on common significant hazards in their workplace. SafeWork's 14 hazard assessment modules also meet all the compliance requirements for Certification Part II Hazard training that firms with more than 20 employees are legally required to provide for members of their Joint Health & Safety Committee.

SafeWork guides businesses through a logical and simple six-step process that covers topics like legal requirements; health and safety policy; establishing a health and safety committee; hazard training; preventing hazards; and maintaining your health and safety system. The program includes a Recognition Program for participating firms that can help them progress through the Six Steps in improving their health & safety program.

Specialized licensing is available for larger firms. Please contact OSSA for details.

SafeWork can be ordered by calling OSSA at 1-888-478-6772 or by emailing safework@ossa.com

About OSSA

The Ontario Service Safety Alliance (OSSA) is a not-for-profit health and safety association that offers a range of high-quality health and safety learning products, certified training and expert consultative services to Ontario's service sector. It is one of 14 health and safety associations designated by the Workplace Health and Safety Association.

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