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Personal Protective Equipment is PST Exempt!

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Did you know that most of your work-related safety equipment is PST exempt?

If you are an employer or self-employed person you do not pay PST when purchasing work-related protective clothing, as required under WorkSafeBC's Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

To purchase work-related safety equipment and protective clothing without paying PST, give the supplier your PST registration number. If you are not registered, you must provide the supplier with a completed and signed Certificate of Exemption (FIN 453 - found online at: www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/documents_library/forms/0453fill.pdf). The certificate is required to certify that the purchase is intended to comply with provincial work safety legislation. If you provide the supplier with a certificate, you may make future tax-exempt purchases from the same supplier on the basis of this signed certificate.

Please be aware: while safety equipment may be PST exempt, you will still have to pay GST.

For more information on PST exempt safety items or on how to recover PST that has been paid on exempt items, contact the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue at: 604.660.4524 in Vancouver; or if you live elsewhere in British Columbia toll-free at 1.877.388.4440.

Below is a selection of PST exempt products:

- Safety glasses, safety goggles, face shields, welding helmets
- Respirators
- Hearing protection
- Hard hats & helmets
- Hoods for dust, chemical, and heat protection
- Flame retardant/chemical resistant clothing
- Welders' jackets, sleeves, bibs, leggings
- Gloves and footwear with built-in safety features
- Safety vests
- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- Florescent tape & reflective strips

For a full list of PST exempt products, refer to:

www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/industry_specific/safety/safety.htm



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Sunglasses: Cool and Safe

Untreated plastic lenses will only block approximately 70% of UV rays, which is not enough to prevent damage to your eyes. Be sure that when purchasing sunglasses you check to see that they offer 100% UV protection (or read UV400). If you already own a pair of sunglasses and are unsure if they offer enough protection, consult an optician - they will usually test them for free.

Safety Under The Sun Poster

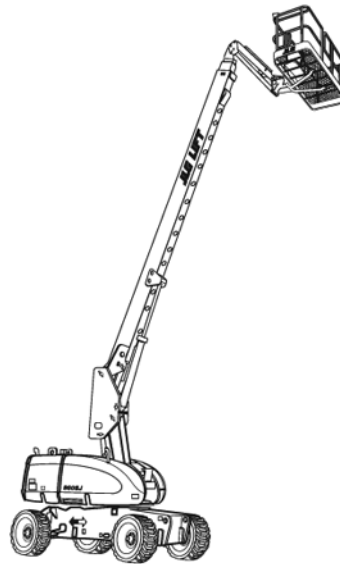
It's that time of year again! Time to trade in your jeans and jacket for shorts and a t-shirt. However, before you step out into that glorious sunshine, make sure that you're properly protected.

Skin cancer rates in BC have more than doubled in the past 15 years, resulting in more than 100 fatalities per year.

Be sure that you are always properly protected from the sun by limiting your exposure to the sun during peak hours (10am - 4pm); using a minimum of SPF 15 UVA and UVB protection sunscreen and dressing appropriately, which includes wearing a wide-brim hat and UV-absorbent sunglasses that block 99-100% of UVA and UVB radiation.

SHAPE has an 11x17 poster with prevention tips and information on how to detect early warning signs of skin cancer. Contact us at 604.733.4682 or at info@shape.bc.ca if you would like a copy of this poster.

New SHAPE Training: Aerial Platform Over 80ft.



SHAPE is happy to announce that we're now offering training in the operation of Aerial Platforms over 80ft.

This one day course includes instruction on:

- Extendable Axles
- Telescoping Booms
- Operating Envelope
- Limit Switches and Fail Safes
- Safe Operation Over 80ft/25m (Site specific training as required.)

Once completed the operator will have the skills to become a proficient Aerial Platform operator at heights greater than 80ft.

Pre-Requisites: Must have a current/valid Aerial Platform certificate and have a minimum of 40 hours experience on an Aerial Platform. Leavitt Machinery recommends that participants complete Fall Arrest training prior to taking this course.

There are two options for taking this course: in-class or onsite. In-class training is provided at Leavitt at a cost of \$200 per participant.

Course Dates:

- Saturday, September 12
 - Saturday, November 14
- 8:30am - 4:30pm

Please note: This course will be taught at Leavitt Training Agency, located at 51 Leeder Street, Coquitlam, BC.

Onsite Training:

Aerial Platform over 80ft training can also be provided onsite, where machinery is available, at a cost of \$120 per participant. Please note: There is a minimum requirement of 6 participants and a maximum of 8 for onsite training.

For further information on this course, please contact SHAPE at 604.733.4682 or courses@shape.bc.ca

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Rigging EXAM Preparation Course

SHAPE, Riggitt Services Inc. and IATSE International have partnered to present a six day entertainment rigging exam preparation course followed by an ETCP arena rigging exam.

The Entertainment Technician Certification Program (ETCP), is an industry-wide program that focuses on disciplines that directly affect the health and safety of crews, performers, and audiences.

The course will be held at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre and will be taught by Mongo Andrews of Vertigo Research Labs in Stratford Ontario. Mr. Andrews has been a rigger in the entertainment industry for 25 years and is an ETCP recognized rigging trainer.

The Rigging Exam Preparation course will run from Monday, September 21st until Saturday, September 26th, to be followed by ETCP testing on Monday September 28th.

The cost of the course is \$800 and there are only a limited number of seats available.

Eligibility requirements for ETCP testing are available at <http://etcp.esta.org/candidateinfo/riggingexams/eligibility.html>

For further information or to register, please contact SHAPE at courses@shape.bc.ca or 604-733-4682.

Slow Down & Move Over for Emergency Vehicles



Between 2001 and 2007, 21 emergency workers were injured or killed on BC roads – 12 of them at the roadside.

A new regulation under the Motor Vehicle Act better protects the safety of police officers, fire and ambulance personnel, tow truck operators, special provincial constables, conservation officers and park rangers who are working outside their emergency vehicles on BC roads.

Drivers must now slow to 70 km/h on highways where the speed limit is 80 km/h or higher, and to 40 km/h where the limit is below 80 km/h, when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle that has lights flashing. Drivers travelling in a lane containing or adjacent to a stopped emergency vehicle must move into another lane to pass, if it is

safe to do so and a police officer has not directed them to do otherwise. This will give emergency workers as much space as possible. If the highway is divided – for example, by a concrete median – vehicles travelling in the opposite direction are not required to slow.

The penalty for not slowing to the designated speed, not moving over, or both, is a fine and three penalty points on the driver's licence. The fine, including a 15 per cent victim surcharge, is \$148 if paid within 30 days or \$173 thereafter. An existing penalty remains in place for failing to yield to a moving emergency vehicle.

This change was requested and is strongly supported by many stakeholders, who were consulted over more than two years. They include the Office of the Fire Commissioner and Fire Chiefs' Association of BC, BC Ambulance Service, BC Association of Chiefs of Police, ICBC, BCAA, the Ministry of Transportation's Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement Branch and the Police Services Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

To build driver awareness of the new regulation, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has designed a strategy to identify the best locations for "slow down, move over" signs. Existing electronic signs that currently display road conditions may also be used. Five other provinces have passed "slow down, move over" laws. Most don't specify a speed, but require drivers to slow and proceed with caution.

The key to safety is you

SHAPE COURSES

Courses must be paid in advance to SHAPE. Courses may be subject to cancellation. We would be happy to book a class for you if your group has the minimum number of participants.

Call 604-733-4682 for further details.

For full course descriptions, dates and to register online, visit www.shape.bc.ca/courses/

Aerial Lift Training

\$120 (Experienced - 1 Day)

\$220 (Inexperienced - 2 Day)

Experienced:

Saturday, August 29

Saturday, September 26

Inexperienced:

Saturday, August 29 and

Sunday, August 30

Saturday, September 26 and

Sunday, September 27

8:30am - 4:30pm

Instructor: Leavitt Training Agency

Aerial Lift Over 80ft

\$200

Saturday, September 12

Saturday, November 14

8:30am - 4:30pm

Instructor: Leavitt Training Agency

Counterbalanced Forklift

\$120 (Experienced - 1 Day)

\$220 (Inexperienced - 2 Day)

Experienced:

Saturday, August 22

Saturday, September 19

Inexperienced:

Saturday, August 22 and

Sunday, August 30

Saturday, September 19 and

Sunday, September 27

8:30am - 4:30pm

Instructor: Leavitt Training Agency

Film & Television Safety Awareness*

\$25

Tuesday, June 16

Sunday, July 12

Tuesday: 6pm-9pm

Sundays: 10am-1pm

Instructor: Marty Clausen

Film & Television Supervisor Safety*

\$25

Tuesday, August 11

Sunday, September 13

Tuesday, October 20

Sunday, November 15

Tuesday, December 15

1:30pm - 4:30pm

Instructor: Marty Clausen

*Take both Safety Awareness and Supervisor Safety for \$45

Firearm Safety Level 1

\$50

Sunday, September 20

Sunday, November 29

10am to 5pm

Instructor: Felcan Enterprises

Occupational First Aid Level One

\$40

Monday, August 24

Saturday, September 12

Monday, September 21

Saturday, October 3

Monday, October 19

Saturday, November 7

Monday, November 23

Saturday, December 12

8:45am to 5:30pm

Instructor: Kathy

Performing Arts Supervisor Safety

\$25

Monday, September 14 (6pm-9pm)

Monday, November 16 (1pm-5pm)

Instructor: Dave Winstanley

ONLINE COURSES

Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

\$20

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

\$20

SHAPE has an in house computer station available to those who do not have internet access but wish to take our online courses. For details, call 604.733.4682.