

Press Release

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CHFA Safety Group companies earn \$239,000 in WSIB rebates by improving health and safety

A group of companies that participates in the Safety Group Program sponsored by the Canadian Home Furnishings Alliance (CHFA) have achieved outstanding results once again by reducing their Lost Time Injury Frequency by 36.1% and their Lost Time Injury Severity by 19.3%. This success has earned member companies a rebate from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) of \$238,794, bringing their seven-year rebate total to \$1,400,178. Laine Reynolds, Chair of the CHFA Board of Directors congratulated the members of the Safety Group on their performance for 2006. As a member of the Safety Group Laine Reynolds stated, "these rebates emphasize how important it is for CHFA members to participate in the Safety Group Program." The CHFA has been a member of the WSIB Safety Groups Program since its inception in 2000.

The Safety Groups Program promotes workplace health and safety through mentoring, pooling of resources and the sharing of best practices between participating firms. Member companies are encouraged and supported as they develop good health and safety programs.

As part of the program, member firms select five safety elements they will initiate or improve upon over the course of a year. Representatives from these firms attend meeting, share ideas and resources; learning from each other how to put these initiatives into place. By improving workplace safety, the firms have the chance to reduce their WSIB premiums and earn financial rebates.

The companies and their employees will be congratulated on their achievement and commended for their commitment to reducing workplace injuries at a special presentation on December 10, 2007 at the IAPA Centre for Health & Safety Innovation in Mississauga.

Companies interested in joining the 2008 Safety Group Program are invited to contact Murray Vaughan, President at 905-677-6561 or murray@chfaweb.ca.