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NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NAOSH) WEEK, 2014

BACKGROUND

North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week occurs every year during the first full week of May and is aimed at raising awareness about occupational safety, health and the environment (SH&E) in an effort to prevent work injuries and illnesses. NAOSH Week is led by the [Canadian Society of Safety Engineering \(CSSE\)](#) in partnership with the [Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety \(CCOHS\)](#), [Human Resources and Skills Development Canada \(HRSDC\)](#), and [Threads of Life](#), in concert with the [American Society of Safety Engineers \(ASSE\)](#).

- NAOSH Week is focused on bringing together employers, employees, and the public to share the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home and in the community.
- Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day falls on the Wednesday of NAOSH Week and was first celebrated in 2007. The day was established to recognize and honour occupational safety, health, and environmental professionals who have dedicated their lives to protecting people, property and the environment.
- NAOSH Week partners develop and implement activities throughout North America and worldwide to promote NAOSH Week. Each year, thousands of events, programs, symposiums take place such as road safety, ergonomic awareness events, emergency preparedness information, skills challenges/competitions, and safety displays.
- Members and partners put in more than 2 million man hours toward promoting workplace safety during NAOSH Week.
- NAOSH Week was first launched in June 1997 marked by an agreement between Canada, the United States and Mexico. During NAFTA talks, workplace safety within all three nations

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was discussed. Canada's representative, familiar with the Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week (COHS), suggested that the countries become involved in a similar endeavour.

- The responsibility and management of NAOSH Week is under CSSE's leadership. Along with the efforts of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), NAOSH Week continues to be a truly continent-wide event.
- The NAOSH Week logo - three hands forming an equilateral triangle - portrays the three participating nations - Canada, the United States and Mexico. This symbolizes joint venture, cooperation and the commitment to the common goals shared by all occupational safety and health partners. The three sides stand for partnership of the three countries in this joint occupational health and safety venture, as well as all tripartite partnerships between business, labour and governments. The connected hands illustrate assistance and cooperation on many levels - from interpersonal relationships in the workplace to international exchange.

To learn more please visit [NAOSH Week](#) and [CSSE](#).

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