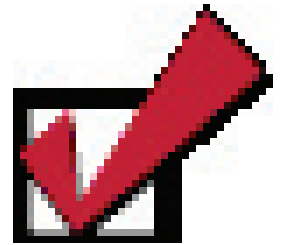


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Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Members to Update Personal Contact Information

PEI UPSE encourages all members to take an active role in the union. In order to increase voter participation in the next PEI UPSE Presidential Election (*Summer 2012*), the union requests that members ensure their current contact information is up-to-date. The election is administered through a mail-out / mail-in process.



The union will mail your ballot to your home address. In order to receive a ballot members must ensure that their contact information is up-to-date.

Please call Tammy Laybolt at the union office to ensure your current contact information is up-to-date or to make changes. You can also visit the PEI UPSE website (www.peiupse.ca) and go to the [forms/change of address link](#) where you can update your information on-line.

Day of Mourning April 28



On Saturday, April 28 please take time to remember the workers killed or injured in workplace accidents in PEI and throughout Canada. Workplace injury and illness can be avoided through proper education and enforcement of occupational health and safety laws. *(continued on next page)*

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Note to members distributing The Accent:

Because the material contained in this publication is often of a time-sensitive nature, please post or distribute it as soon as possible.

PEI UPSE is proud to represent over 5000 members in the public and private sectors.

In 2010 the Workers Compensation Board (WCB) conducted 2,259 workplace safety inspections. This number is down from 2,448 inspections conducted in 2009. Keeping employers aware of their responsibilities and in compliance with the *OHS Act and Regulations* is key to ensuring that workplace injury and death is reduced.

Increasing health and safety education for workers and employers is also key in the battle to reduce workplace injury. In 2010 WCB ramped up their delivery of safety workshops by making 208 presentations (an increase from 152 sessions in 2009). Topics included workplace inspections, investigating incidents and injuries, safety for managers and supervisors, OHS programs, and health and safety representatives.



Day of Mourning
April 28

On April 28 PEI UPSE asks all Islanders to mourn the dead and fight for the living. In Prince Edward Island twenty-three people have lost their lives at work since 1998. This is unacceptable. These workers had busy lives that were cut short. They had families and responsibilities. On April 28 let's remember these workers whose lives were lost in workplace accidents by attending the Day of Mourning Ceremony at Province House.

Day of Mourning Ceremony

Location: Province House

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2012

Time: 2:00 pm



Call for OHS Award

Douglas MacMaster Memorial Occupational Health and Safety Award

Nomination deadline: April 27, 2012

Submit nomination to: Karen Thomson, Occupational Health and Safety Manager, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8