



# Skills Development Centre

## One of IHSA's many training options

You might think IHSA's Skills Development Centre is just another classroom. Those who have been to the Mississauga facility know that it is much more.

This outdoor site contains a variety of training areas. Both overhead and underground distribution training areas are available for utility workers to conduct such training as pole top rescue, switching and grounding, and live line work.

The Skills Development Centre has its own fleet of aerial devices, lift trucks, radial boom derricks, and equipment, such as a brush chipper and chainsaws. Confined space rescue gear is also on site.

Climbing poles, digging holes and locating cable are all options during training. It is as hands-on as it can get but with the added security of an enclosed environment so that participants can concentrate on instructions and instructors can observe participants as they conduct tasks without immediate concern for traffic or other normal issues that arise in a work environment.

A confined space demonstration area and a structure for climbing and rope access work provide options for indoor training. The building also has two classrooms, which can be configured to suit anywhere from two to 50 participants.

Some of the courses taught at the Skills Development Centre include

- Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance
- Confined Space Entry
- Lift truck training
- Line Clearing Safety and Awareness
- Mobile Crane 0-8 Ton
- Powerline Technician Apprenticeship
- Propane training

The Skills Development Centre is just one of IHSA's training facilities. In the next issue of IHSA's *Health & Safety Magazine*, watch for an overview of our Voyager Court facility, which is currently being retrofitted to include even more training opportunities than we currently offer. This site will be re-launched in early 2012.

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