Incorporate health and safety into production and quality.

Know your employer's health and safety program.

Assist and cooperate with enforcement officers.

Assist and cooperate with health and safety representatives and committees.

Keep a log book.

Enforce the rules.

Establish emergency response procedures.

Appoint competent workers.

Conduct inspections.

Conduct safety meetings.

Conduct orientations.

Participate in training.

Know the law.

Investigate and report incidents.

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Think about losing one of four workers for several weeks during a busy work season due to a broken bone or a back injury. That’s 25 per cent of your workforce laid up instead of earning money. And that’s one worker suffering because safety was an unaffordable luxury—a “nice to have” instead of a mandatory practice ingrained in every aspect of your work. By preventing injuries and illness, you will not only be protecting your workers but also your financial future.

So take a look at what’s inside this issue of IHSA.ca Magazine. You’ll find small business safety solutions, a five-step safety guide for small businesses, a best practices guide for small businesses, safety tips for independent truck drivers and owner-operators, and a health and safety guide for supervisors. There’s also information on due diligence, working alone, manual material handling, new working at heights rules, and how IHSA can support you in your safety efforts.

We hope you’ll find this issue of the magazine to be a useful tool for helping improve your company’s health and safety program. If you can, share this information with other small businesses you know and work with.