

Join

IHSA's Safety Groups program



Joseph Libralesso (centre) accepts a rebate cheque for his company from Al Beattie, President & CEO of IHSA (left) and Rumina DiValentin, WSIB Safety Group Program consultant (right).



IHSA invites your company to explore the health and safety opportunities and financial incentives that are available through Safety Groups program. Firms that have participated in the program have enjoyed fewer lost-time injuries (LTIs) and received substantial rebates from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).

Members of a Safety Group choose five items from a list of safety-related topics provided by the WSIB and IHSA. The companies then review their existing health and safety policies and procedures as they relate to those topics and work on improving them throughout the year.

Joseph Libralesso of J.D. Smith and Sons Ltd., who has been a member of the Transportation Safety Group (TSG) for 12 years, is enthusiastic about the program.

“J.D. Smith enjoyed the benefits of improving the health and safety program of the company, and the Safety Group membership as a whole saw a reduction in the frequency and severity of injuries and collisions. The reward was a rebate on premiums from the WSIB. Some companies also received rebates from the WSIB’s NEER program by reducing lost-time injury claims.”

It doesn’t matter whether your company is large or small, with a good safety performance or a poor one—what matters is your commitment to improve. Mr. Libralesso urges other companies to take advantage of the program.

“Don’t pass up an opportunity to develop health and safety best practices for your firm. The TSG, like all Safety Groups, provides an opportunity to network and share best practices. It also offers

training in various health and safety topics while providing updates on various legislative changes.”

Member companies receive support and guidance from the WSIB and IHSA in the form of personnel and resources. IHSA also offers seminars and training to the membership.

To learn more about the program, visit the Safety Groups page on our website or contact the Safety Group consultant for your industry.

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You can also attend one of the Safety Groups recruitment seminars listed below. IHSA and WSIB consultants will be on hand to answer any questions.

October 12 – Windsor
October 18 – Ottawa
October 20 – Mississauga

To register for a seminar, contact Lyndsey Miller at 1-800-263-5024 ext. 7939 or lmill@ihsa.ca

Applications to join the Safety Groups program for 2012 must be received no later than December 1, 2011.

Editor’s Note: We would like to express our appreciation to Guy Broderick, who interviewed Joseph Libralesso for *Today’s Trucking* magazine about his company’s experiences in the Safety Groups program.