

# Information Resources and Referrals

## Acronyms

This list is not inclusive or extensive. You may be aware of other acronyms or organizations. We have mentioned these organizations as a means of providing a potentially useful referral. You should contact the organization(s) directly for more information about their services. Please note that mention of these organizations does not represent a recommendation or endorsement by CCOHS of these organizations over others of which you may be aware.

**AA** – Atomic Absorption [Absorption of electromagnetic radiation at discrete wavelengths by atoms]

**AAHP** – American Academy of Health Physics

**AAOHN** – American Association of Occupational Health Nurses

**AAS** – Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

**ABHR** – Alcohol-Based Hand Rub

**ABIH** – American Board of Industrial Hygiene

**ABSA** – Alberta Boilers Safety Association

**ABSA** – American Biological Safety Association

**ACE** – Association of Canadian Ergonomists

**ACGIH** – American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**ACOEM** – American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine

**ACS** – American Chemical Society

**ACSA** – Alberta Construction Safety Association

**AED** – Automated External Defibrillator

**AEUSP** – Association of Electrical Utilities Safety Professionals

**AHFP** – Associate Human Factors Professional (USA)

**AHJ** – Authority Having Jurisdiction

**AIChE** – American Institute of Chemical Engineers

**AIH** – Academy of Industrial Hygiene

**AIHA** – American Industrial Hygiene Association

**AIHce** – American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition

**AIIS** – Association des Infirmières en Info-Santé (Québec)

**AIDS** - Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

**AIOAD** – An Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (Québec)

**ALARA** – As Low As Reasonably Achievable

**ALRB** – Alberta Labour Relations Board

**AMSSTQ** – Association des médecins spécialistes en santé communautaire du Québec

**ANSI** – American National Standards Institute

**AOHC** – American Occupational Health Conference

**AOHNA** – Alberta Occupational Health Nurses Association

**AOHS** – An Act respecting Occupational Health and Safety (Québec)

**APF** – Assigned Protection Factor (for respirators)

**APSAM** – Association paritaire pour la santé et la sécurité du travail, secteur affaires municipales

**APSM** – Association paritaire pour la santé et la sécurité du travail du secteur minier

**APSSAP** – Association paritaire pour la santé et la sécurité du travail, secteur « Administration provinciale »

**APST** – Association des professionnels en santé du travail (Québec)

**AQHSST** – Association québécoise pour l'hygiène, la santé et la sécurité du travail (Québec)

**AQMS** – Air Quality Management System

**ARI** – Acute Respiratory Infection

**ASFETM** – Association sectorielle Fabrication d'équipement de transport et de machine (Québec)

**ASHCAT** – Association of Safety & Health Consultants and Trainers Inc.

**ASHRAE** – American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers

**ASP** – Association sectorielles paritaires (Québec)

**ASPHME** – The former Association sectorielle paritaire du secteur de la fabrication de produits en métal, la fabrication de produits électriques et des industries de l'habillement [Now part of MultiPrévention] (Québec)

**ASSE** – American Society of Safety Engineers

**ASSIFQ / ASSPPQ** – Associations de santé et sécurité des pâtes et papiers et des industries de la forêt du Québec

**ASSTSAS** – Association pour la santé et la sécurité du travail, secteur affaires sociales (Québec)

**ASTE** – The former Association sectorielle paritaire, secteur du transport et de l'entreposage [Now part of ViaPrévention] (Québec)

**ASTM** – American Society for Testing and Materials

**ATSDR** – Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry [An agency of the Public Health Service in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services]

**AVC** – Assurance of Voluntary Compliance

**AWCBC** – Association of Workers Compensation Boards of Canada

**AWHC** – Alberta Workers' Health Centre

**BCACS** – BC Association for Crane Safety

**BCCSA** – BC Construction Safety Alliance

**BCFSC** – British Columbia Forest Safety Council

**BCMSA** – British Columbia Municipal Safety Association

**BCPE** – Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics (USA)

**BCRSP** – Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals

**BCSA** – British Columbia Safety Authority

**BCSP** – Board of Certified Safety Professionals (USA)

**BEI** – Biological Exposure Index

**BLS** – Bureau of Labor Statistics (USA)

**BNQ** – Bureau de normalisation du Québec

**BOHS** – British Occupational Hygiene Society (UK)

**BS** – British Standard

**BSC** – British Safety Council

**BSI** – British Standards Institute

**BTU** – British Thermal Unit [A traditional unit of measure for heat]

**CAALL** – Canadian Association of Administrators of Labour Legislation

**CACES** - Committee Advisory Council on Electrical Safety

**CADTH** – Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health

**CAFC** – Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs

**CAISP** – Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program

**CAMH** – Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (Ontario)

**CANUTEC** – Canadian Transport Emergency Centre

**CAP** – College of American Pathologists

**CAPA** – Corrective Action and Preventative Action

**CARSP** – Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals

**CARWH** – Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health

**CAS** – Chemical Abstracts Service (USA)

**CASA** – Canadian Agricultural Safety Association

**CBOM** – Canadian Board of Occupational Medicine

**CBRN** – Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear

**CCOH** – Canadian Council of Occupational Hygiene

**CCOHS** – Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

**CCPA** – The former Canadian Chemical Producers Association [Now CIAC]

**CCPS** – Center for Chemical Process Safety (USA)

**CCSA** – Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

**CDC** – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)

**CDI** – *Clostridium difficile* Infection

**CESARS** – Chemical Evaluation Search and Retrieval System

**CEC or CE Code** – Canadian Electrical Code [also known as CSA Standard C22]

**CEPA** – Canadian Environmental Protection Act

**CERCLA** – Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act [Also known as Superfund] (USA)

**CESQG** – Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator

**CET** – Certified Environmental, Safety and Health Trainer [A credential issued by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards] (USA)

**CEV** – Ceiling Exposure Value

**CFC** – Chlorofluorocarbons

**CFIA** – Canadian Food Inspection Agency

**CFIB** – Canadian Federation of Independent Business

**CFM** – Cubic Feet Per Minute [A unit of measure of air flow which is used in evaluating ventilation systems]

**CFR** – Code of Federal Regulations (USA)

**CGA** – Compressed Gas Association (USA)

**CGSB** – Canadian General Standards Board

**CHEMTREC** – Chemical Transportation Emergency Center [Provides hazard information warnings and guidance in emergency (and ONLY emergency) situations]

**CHFP** – Certified Human Factors Professional (USA)

**CHMM** – Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (USA)

**CHO** – Chemical Hygiene Officer

**CHP** – Chemical Hygiene Plan Required by OSHA (USA)

**CHP** – Certified Health Physicist

**CHRIS** – Chemical Hazards Response Information System

**CHSC** – Certified Health and Safety Consultant

**CHSEP** – Certificate in Health, Safety and Environmental Processes

**CHSI** – Centre for Health and Safety Innovation

**CHSO** – Construction Health and Safety Officer

**CHST** – Construction Health and Safety Technician (USA)

**CIAC** – Chemistry Industry Association of Canada

**CIH** – Certified Industrial Hygienist

**CIHI** – Canadian Institute for Health Information

**CINBIOSE** – Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur le bien-être, la santé, la société et l'environnement (Québec)

**CIS** – International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre; also known as International Occupational Safety and Health Knowledge Network

**CIWA** – Canadian Injured Workers Alliance

**CLC** – Canada Labour Code

**CLP** – The former Commission des lésions professionnelles [Now part of TAT] (Québec)

**CMOH** – Chief Medical Officer of Health (Ontario)

**CNESST** – Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (Québec)

**CNS** – Central Nervous System

**CNSC** – Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

**CO** – Carbon Monoxide

**COAA** – Construction Owners Association of Alberta

**COD** – Chemical Oxygen Demand [Oxygen demand if a water sample is chemically oxidized]

**COHN(C)** – Certified Occupational Health Nurse (Canada)

**COHNA** – Canadian Occupational Health Nurses Association

**COHS** - Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety

**COPD** - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

**COR** – Certificate of Recognition

**COSHH** – Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (UK)

**COSS** – Certified Occupational Safety Specialist (US)

**COVID-19** – Coronavirus Disease 2019 ('CO' stands for 'corona,' 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease. 19 for the virus first being identified in 2019.)

**CPE** – Certified Professional Ergonomist (USA)

**CPR** – The former Controlled Products Regulations (Canada) [Now see Hazardous Product Regulations]

**CPSC** – Consumer Products Safety Commission (USA)

**CPSC** – The former Canadian Petroleum Safety Council [now part of ENFORM]

**CPSTQ** – Centre patronal de santé et sécurité du travail du Québec

**CPWR** – Center to Protect Workers' Rights / The Center for Construction Research and Training (USA)

**CRBOH** – Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists

**CRE-MSD** – Centre of Research Expertise for the Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders (Ontario)

**CRPA** – Canadian Radiation Protection Association

**CRSP** – Canadian Registered Safety Professional

**CRT** – The former Commission des relations du travail (Québec) [Now part of TAT]

**CSA** – Canadian Standards Association [former name of organization - now CSA Group]

**CSABC** – Construction Safety Association of British Columbia [Now part of the BCCSA]

**CSAM** – Construction Safety Association of Manitoba

**CSAO** – Construction Safety Association of Ontario [Now part of the IHSA]

**CSASI** – Canadian Society of Air Safety Investigators

**CSB** – U.S. Chemical Safety Board (USA)

**CSC** – Canada Safety Council

**CSHM** – Certified Safety and Health Managers (USA)

**CSO** – Construction Safety Officer

**CSP** – Certified Safety Professional

**CSS** – Construction Safety Specialist (BC)

**CSSE** – Canadian Society of Safety Engineering

**CSST** – The former Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail [Now part of the CNESST] (Québec)

**CTD** – Cumulative Trauma Disorder

**CSS** – Construction Safety Specialist (BC)

**CTS** – Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

**CWA** – Clean Water Act (USA)

**dB** – Decibels [Unit to measure sound intensity of noise] May be followed by (A) or (C) which represents A or C-weighting corrected value.

**DFM** – Dust, Fume, and Mist [This abbreviation refers to a respirator filter cartridge suitable for use against dusts, fumes or mists, and is used in the NIOSH regulation on Respirator Certification.]

**DIERS** – Design Institute for Emergency Relief Systems [A consortium of companies under the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)]

**DIN** – Drug Identification Number (Health Canada)

**DIPPR** – Design Institute of Physical Property Data [A consortium of companies under the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)]

**DM** – Dust and Mist [This abbreviation refers to a respirator filter cartridge suitable for use against dusts and mists, and is used in the NIOSH regulation on Respirator Certification.]

**DOHS** – Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety

**DOL** – Department of Labor (USA)

**DOT** – Department of Transportation (USA)

**DSL** – Domestic Substances List

**EAC** – Employers' Advocacy Council (Ontario)

**EAP** – Employee Assistance Program

**EBA** – Escape Breathing Apparatus

**EC** – Commission of the European Union

**ECDC** – European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

**ECETOC** – European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals

**ECCC** – Environment and Climate Change Canada

**EHCs** – Environmental Health Criteria Monographs

**EHS** – Environment, Health and Safety; or Environmental Health and Safety

**ELF** – Extremely Low Frequency

**EMF** – Electric and Magnetic Fields

**ENFORM** – The Safety Association for Canada's Upstream Oil and Gas Industry

**EOC** – Emergency Operations Centre

**EPA** – Environmental Protection Agency (USA)

**EPCRA** – Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act Title III of SARA (USA)

**ERG** – Emergency Response Guide [Used in the US Department of Transportation Requirements]

**ERP** – Emergency Response Plan

**ERPG** – Emergency Response Planning Guideline

**ESA** – Electrical Safety Authority (Ontario)

**ESAO** – The former Education Safety Association of Ontario [Now part of the PSHSA]

**ESDC** – Employment and Social Development Canada

**ESL** – End of Service Life (an indicator attached to a respirator cartridge)

**EU** – European Union

**EUROTOX** – Association of European Toxicologist and Societies of Toxicology

**EUSA** – The former Electrical & Utilities Safety Association (Ontario) [Now part of the IHSA]

**FAO** – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**FARSHA** – Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association (BC)

**FDA** – Food and Drug Administration (USA)



**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency (USA)

**FF** – Fit Factor (quantitative estimate of the fit of a particular respirator to a specific individual)

**FID** – Flame Ionization Detector

**FIFR** – Fatal Injury Rate

**FM** – Factory Mutual

**FMEA** – Failure Mode and Effect Analysis

**FMECA** – Failure Mode, Effects and Criticality Analysis

**FOOSH** – Fall on Outstretched Hand

**FSA**– The former Farm Safety Association [Now part of the WSPS]

**FSANL** – Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland

**FSSNS** – Forest Safety Society of Nova Scotia

**FTA** – Fault Tree Analysis

**FWCS** – Federal Workers' Compensation Service

**GC** – Gas Chromatography

**GHG** – Greenhouse Gas

**GHS** – Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

**HAZMAT** – Hazardous Material

**HAZOP** – Hazard and Operability (Study) [A structured means of evaluating a complex process to find problems associated with operability or safety of the process]

**HAZWOPER** – Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response [A term derived from US EPA Regulations]

**HCS** – Hazard Communication Standard Policy (USA)

**HEPA** – High Efficiency Particulate Air filter [At least 99.97% efficient in the filtration of air borne particles 0.3 microns in diameter or greater]

**HFES** – Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (USA)

**HHS** – Department of Health and Human Services (USA)

**HHR** – Highest Hazard Ratio

**HIV** – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

**HMIRC** – Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission

**HMTA** – Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (USA)

**HLPP** – Hearing Loss Prevention Program

**HPA** – Hazardous Products Act

**HPD** – Hearing Protective Device

**HPLC** – High Performance Liquid Chromatography

**HPR** – Hazardous Products Regulations

**HRSDC** – The former Human Resources and Skills Development Canada [Now Employment and Social Development Canada]

**HSCSA** – Health and Safety Conference Society of Alberta

**HSDB** – Hazardous Substances Data Bank

**HSE** – Health and Safety Executive (UK)

**HSEE** – Health, Safety, Environment, and Energy

**HSI** – Health and Safety Institute

**HSO** – Health and Safety Officer

**HSV** – Herpes Simplex Virus

**HVAC** – Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning

**IAPA** – The former Industrial Accident Prevention Association of Ontario [Now part of the WSPS]

**IAQ** – Indoor Air Quality

**IARC** – International Agency for Research on Cancer

**IAVGO** – Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario

**ICCT** – International Council on Clean Transportation

**ICOH** – International Commission on Occupational Health

**ICSC** – International Chemical Safety Cards

**IDLH** – Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health

**IH** – Industrial Hygiene or Hygienist

**IHIT** – Industrial Hygienist in Training

**IHSA** – Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (Ontario)

**ILO** – International Labor Organization

**INRS** – National Research and Safety Institute for the Prevention of Occupational Accidents and Disease (France)

**IOHA** – International Occupational Hygiene Association

**IOM** – Institute for Occupational Medicine (UK)

**IOSH** – Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (UK)

**IPAC Or IPAC Canada** – Infection Prevention and Control

**IPCC** - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

**IPCS** – International Programme on Chemical Safety

**IRS** – Internal Responsibility System

**IRSST** – Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail (Québec)

**ISEA** – International Safety Equipment Association

**ISHM** – Institute for Health and Safety Management (USA)

**ISHR** – Industry Safety and Health Representative

**ISO** – International Organization for Standardization

**ISR** – Injury Severity Rate

**IWAM** – Injured Workers' Association of Manitoba

**IWH** – Institute for Work & Health (Ontario)

**JDA** – Job Demands Analysis

**JHA** – Job Hazard Analysis

**JHSC** – Joint Health and Safety Committee

**JOHSC** – Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee

**JSA** – Job Safety Analysis

**LASER** – Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission Radiation

**LC<sub>50</sub> or LC<sub>50</sub>** – Lethal Concentration [The concentration in air which is lethal to 50% of the test animals in a study. A convenient point of comparison between toxic materials with similar effects or target organs.]

**LD<sub>50</sub> or LD<sub>50</sub>** – Lethal Dose [The experimental dose which is lethal to 50% of the test animals in a study. A convenient point of comparison between toxic materials with similar effects or target organs.]

**LEED** – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

**LEL** – Lower Explosive Limit

**LEV** – Local Exhaust Ventilation

**LFFV** – Loose-Fitting Facepiece/Visor

**LOAEL** – Lowest Observed Adverse–effect Level

**LOTO** – Lock Out Tag Out

**LPG** – Liquefied Petroleum Gas

**LSO** – Laser Safety Officer

**LTD** – Long–term disability

**LTFR** – Lost Time Frequency Rate

**LTI** – Lost Time Injury

**MAMI** – Mining Association of Manitoba Inc

**MASHA** – The former Mines and Aggregates Safety and Health Association (Ontario) [Now part of the WSN]

**MHSA** – The former Municipal Health and Safety Association (Ontario) [Now part of the PSHSA]

**MHSA** – Manufacturers' Health & Safety Association (Alberta)

**MOE** – Ministry of the Environment (Ontario)

**MOL** – Common name for Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development (Ontario)

**MOLITSD** - Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development (Ontario)

**MRSA** – Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*

**MSC** – Meteorological Service of Canada

**MSD** – Musculoskeletal Disorders

**MSDS** – Material Safety Data Sheet. Now referred to as Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

**MSHA** – Mine Safety and Health Administration (USA)

**MSI** – Musculoskeletal Injuries

**MTI** – Medically Treated Incident

**N95** - Filter rating for respirators (95 percent efficient and not for use in oil atmospheres)

**NAALC** – North American Agreement on Labour Cooperation

**NAOSH** – North American Occupational Safety and Health

**NRCan** – National Resources Canada

**NBFSA** – New Brunswick Forest Safety Association

**NCCID** – National Collaborating Centre for Infection Diseases

**NCEOE** – National Committee on Environmental and Occupational Exposures

**ND** – Non Detectable

**NDSL** – Non-Domestic Substances List

**NDT** – Non Destructive Testing

**NEER** – New Experimental Experience Rating Program (ON)

**NFC** – National Fire Code

**NFPA** – National Fire Protection Association (USA)

**NIDMAR** – National Institute of Disability Management and Research

**NIH** – National Institutes of Health (USA)

**NIHL** – Noise Induced Hearing Loss

**NIOSH** – National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (USA)

**NJC** – National Joint Council

**NLCSA** – Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Safety Association

**NOAEL** – No Observed Adverse Effect Level

**NORA** – National Occupational Research Agenda (USA)

**NORM** – Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material

**NSC** – National Safety Council (USA)

**NSCA** – Nuclear Safety and Control Act

**NSCSA** – Nova Scotia Construction Safety Association

**NSNY** – Northern Safety Network Yukon

**NTP** – National Toxicology Program (USA)

**NWISP** – National Work Injury/Disease Statistics Program

**OA** – Occupational Asthma

**OAFC** – Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

**OBA** – Octave Band Analyzer

**OEA** – Office of the Employer Adviser (Ontario and in general)

**OECD** – Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

**OEHF** – Occupational & Environmental Health Foundation (USA)

**OEL** – Occupational Exposure Limit

**OEMAC** – Occupational and Environmental Medical Association of Canada

**OFAAA** – Occupational First Aid Attendants Association of British Columbia

**OFSWA** – The former Ontario Forestry Safe Workplace Association [Now part of the WSN]

**OH** – Occupational Hygiene or Hygienist

**OHAO** – Occupational Hygiene Association of Ontario

**OHCOW** – Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers

**OHRC** – Ontario Human Rights Commission

**OHS** – Occupational Health and Safety

**OHSA** – Occupational Health and Safety Act (Ontario)

**OHST** – Occupational Health and Safety Technologist

**OHSAH** – Occupational Health & Safety Agency for Healthcare in British Columbia

**OHSMS** – Occupational Health and Safety Management System

**OOHNA** – Ontario Occupational Health Nurses Association

**OSACH** – The former Ontario Safety Association for Community and Healthcare [Now part of the PSHSA]

**OSH** – Occupational Safety and Health

**OSHA** – Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)

**OSL** – Ontario Safety League

**OSSA** – The former Ontario Service Safety Alliance (Ontario) [Now part of the WSPS]

**OSSA** – Oil Sands Safety Association (Alberta)

**OWA** – Office of the Worker Advisor

**PAPR** – Powered Air-purifying Respirator

**PCB** – Polychlorinated biphenyls

**PDA** – Physical Demands Analysis

**PEL** – Permissible Exposure Limit [The maximum occupational exposure permitted under the OSHA regulations (USA)]

**pH** – Potential of Hydrogen [Measure of acidity of a solution]

**PHA** – Process Hazards Analysis

**PHAC** – Public Health Agency of Canada

**PHSA** – Provincial Health Services Authority (BC)

**PHO** – Public Health Ontario

**PHP** – Personal Hearing Protection

**PHU** – Public Health Unit

**PID** – Photo Ionization Detector

**PIR** – Partners in Injury Reduction (Alberta)

**PMRA** – Pest Management Regulatory Agency

**PPE** – Personal Protective Equipment

**PPHSA** – The former Pulp & Paper Health and Safety Association (Ontario) [Now part of the WSN]

**ppm** – Parts Per Million

**PSC** – Petroleum Safety Conference

**PSHSA** – Public Services Health and Safety Association (Ontario)

**PTS** – Permanent Threshold Shift

**QA/QC** – Quality Assurance / Quality Control

**QLFT** – Qualitative Fit Test (for respirators)

**QNFT** – Quantitative Fit Test (for respirators)

**QRS** – Quantitative Risk Assessment

**RCA** – Root Cause Analysis

**REACH** – Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (EU)

**REL** – Recommended Exposure Limit

**RMI** – Repetitive Motion Injury [See also WMSDS]

**ROH** – Registered Occupational Hygienist

**ROHS** – Regulation respecting occupational health and safety (Québec)

**ROHT** – Registered Occupational Hygiene Technologist

**ROPS** – Rollover Protection Structures

**RoSPA** – Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (UK)

**RRQWE** – Regulation respecting the quality of the work environment (Québec)

**RRSSTQ** – Réseau de recherche en santé et en sécurité du travail du Québec

**RSI** – Repetitive Strain Injury

**RSIC** – Radiation Safety Institute of Canada

**RSO** – Radiation Safety Officer

**RSV** – Respiratory Syncytial Virus

**RTECS** – Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances

**RTK** – Right to Know

**RTW** – Return to Work

**RUSA** – Rural Utilities and Safety Association (Alberta)

**SAFER** – Safety Advisory Foundation for Education and Research (BC)

**SAR** – Supplied Air Respirator

**SARA** – Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (USA)

**SARS** – Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

**SCBA** – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

**SCC** – Safety Codes Council (Alberta)

**SCC** – Standards Council of Canada

**SDS** – Safety Data Sheet

**SECOR** – Small Employer Certificate of Recognition (Alberta)

**SHAPE** – The former Safety & Health in Arts Production & Entertainment (BC) [Now part of Actsafe]

**SHARP** – Safety and Health Achievement Program (USA)

**SHMP** – Safety and Health Management Plan

**SHMS** - Safety and Health Management System

**SLCPs** – Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

**SHE** – Safety, Health, and Environment

**SLM** – Sound Level Meter

**SMP** – Safety Management Plan

**SMS** – Safety Management System

**SPCC** - Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures

**SRL** – Self-Retracting Lifeline

**SOP** – Standard Operating Procedure

**SSC** – Saskatchewan Safety Council



**SSM** – Safety Services Manitoba

**SSNB** – Safety Services New Brunswick

**SSNL** – Safety Services Newfoundland and Labrador

**STD** – Short–Term Disability

**STEL** – Short-Term Exposure Limit

**SWA** – Safe Work Associations (in Ontario)

**SWPF** – Simulated Workplace Protection Factor

**TAT** –Tribunal Administratif du Travail (Québec)

**TB** – Tuberculosis

**TC** – Transport Canada

**TDG** – Transportation of Dangerous Goods

**TENORM** – Technically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material

**THSAO** – The former Transportation Health and Safety Association of Ontario [Now part of the IHSA]

**TLV** – Threshold Limit Value

**TOXEN** – Research Centre for Environmental Toxicology – UQAM (Quebec)

**TQM** – Total Quality Management

**TRIF** – Total Recordable Incident Frequency

**TRIR** – Total Recordable Incident Rate

**TSB** – Transportation Safety Board of Canada

**TSCA** – Toxic Substances Control Act (USA)

**TSSA** – Technical Standards & Safety Authority (Ontario)

**TTS** – Temporary Threshold Shift

**TWA** – Time–weighted Average

**UL/ULC** – Underwriters’ Laboratories / Underwriters’ Laboratories Canada

**UNFCCC** – United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

**UV** – Ultraviolet Radiation

**VDT** – Video Display Terminal [Sometimes called Video Display Unit (VDU)]

**VFSS** – Vehicle Fire Suppression System

**VOC** – Volatile Organic Compound

**VPP** – Voluntary Protection Program (USA)

**WAH** – Working at Heights

**WBGT** – Wet Bulb Globe Temperature

**WCAT** – Workers Compensation Appeals Tribunal

**WCB** – Workers Compensation Board (in general)

**WCB Alberta** – Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta

**WCB-BC** – The former Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia [now WorkSafe BC]

**WEEL** – Workplace Environmental Exposure Limit

**WHMIS** – Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

**WHO** – World Health Organization

**WHSC** – Workers' Health and Safety Centre (Ontario)

**WHSCC New Brunswick** – The Former Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission [Now WorkSafeNB]

**WHSCC Newfoundland and Labrador** – Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission [Also known as Workplace NL]

**WMSDS** – Work-related Musculoskeletal Disorders

**WPF** – Workplace Protection Factor

**WSIA** – Workplace Safety and Insurance Act (Ontario)

**WSIAT** – Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal (Ontario)

**WSIB** – Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Board

**WSIS** – Workplace Safety and Insurance System (Nova Scotia)

**WSN** – Workplace Safety North (Ontario)

**WSO** – World Safety Organization

**WSPS** – Workplace Safety and Prevention Services (Ontario)

**YCSA** – Yukon Construction Safety Association

**YWAP** – Young Worker Awareness Program

**YWCHSB** – Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board

**ZAP** – Zero Accident Program

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