

# May 7-13, 2017 Is the 20th Annual NAOSH Week



May 7-13, 2107 is once again North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week. But this year is special because it's the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this annual event.

NAOSH Week was first launched in June 1997, marked by an agreement between Canada, the US and Mexico. The goal is to focus employers, employees, partners and the public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home and in the community.

Is your organization participating in NAOSH Week? Participation and involvement in this week has been shown to:

- Improve attitudes towards safety
- Increase understanding of the importance of occupational safety and health
- Foster a safety-minded culture
- Increase cooperation
- Assist in team building and improve communication between employees, JHSCs and safety professionals.

NAOSH week events are being held across Canada. Go to the 'Events' page to see what's being done in your province or territory.

In addition, you can hold any of these suggested events and activities in your workplace, including:

- Updating the safety posters in your workplace (See, [SafetyPosters.com](http://SafetyPosters.com))
- Conducting a safety audit (use this [checklist](#))
- Having senior management issue a proclamation on the importance of workplace safety (here's a [model proclamation](#) you can adapt and use)
- Hosting a PPE fashion show
- Launching a recognition program for safety suggestions that are implemented or enhance ongoing OHS practices
- Holding games or contests to test employees' knowledge of OHS laws and requirements (you can use our [Quick Quizzes](#))

- Inviting school classes to tour your operations, highlighting basic safety features and the importance of working safely.

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