Worker's Rights

WHAT IS UNSAFE WORK?

- At work, if you ever encounter unsafe work conditions and your employer is informed and has not taken the necessary precautions to keep their employees safe, you can submit a report to WorkSafe BC.
- Unsafe conditions can be:
 - any hazard, condition, or activity that can pose a serious threat to the health or life of a person.
 - During the winter, it can look like being exposed to extreme cold weather without protective clothing.
 - You should report any workplace hazard or injury caused by extreme weather immediately to your employer and WorkSafe BC.

OTHER WAYS WORKERS CAN BE AFFECTED:

- Exposure to natural or artificially cooled environments.
- Exposure to wind pulling heat away from the body.
- Using wet clothing from sweat or water for long periods of time.
- Cold water immersion cools the body faster than cold air.

HOW TO REPORT UNSAFE WORK

- Report unsafe work anonymously by calling WorkSafe BC's prevention emergency line
 - 604-276-3301 in the Lower Mainland OR,
 - o toll-free at 1-888-621-7233.
- To report unsafe work online, follow the link <u>here</u>; it is monitored during normal business hours.
- If you have a question about workplace safety, you can contact WorkSafe BC
 - Monday to Friday, from 8:00am to 4:30pm.
 - o Call 604-276-3301.

PRO TIP!

As an employee, you are legally allowed to refuse work if you reasonably believe that your work is a hazard to your health and safety. Clearly inform your supervisor or employer that you are refusing work and that the work is unsafe.