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Substance Use and the Workplace

Tools and Resources

Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction

Workplace (research)

- A Review of Workplace Substance Use Policies in Canada: Strengths, Gaps and Key Considerations
- A Review of Workplace Substance Use Policies in Canada (report at a glance)
- State of Policies and Practices on Substance Use in Safety-sensitive Industries in Canada: Study for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
- Start the Conversation: Problematic Substance Use and the Workplace: Produced with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Conference Board of Canada

Cannabis (resources)

- Cannabis research information
- Edible Cannabis, Cannabis Extracts and Cannabis Topicals: Information and infographics on current scientific evidence about the effects of each of these products
- Health Impacts of Cannabis: How cannabis affects physical health, mental health, cognitive function and development
- Canadian Perceptions and Trends: Youth and general population perceptions of cannabis
- Cannabis (Canadian Drug Summary): Overview of basic information about cannabis, including short- and long-term effects, legal status and statistics about use
- Summary of Provincial and Territorial Cannabis Regulations: Interactive web page that displays cannabis regulations, retail stores, possession limits and so on for each province and territory
- Talking Pot with Youth: A Cannabis Communication Guide for Youth Allies. How to talk to youth about cannabis use and harm reduction

Alcohol (resources)

- Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines (brochure)
- Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines (poster)
- Holiday Office Party (poster)
 - o Other posters can be found under Sharing the Guidelines
- Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines: Frequently Asked Questions
- Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines Communications Toolkit

Impaired Driving (research)

- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Driving Under the Influence of Cannabis
- Driving Under the Influence of Drugs
- Youth and Driving Under the Influence of Substances

Language (resources)

- Words Matter (poster): Examples of how to reduce stigma through language
- Changing the Language of Addiction (poster): Examples of alternative language for substance
 use

Other Sources of Information

The following sources are for information purposes. CCSA has not reviewed the information they contain.

Atlantic Canada Council on Addiction

 Problematic Substance Use that Impacts the Workplace: Guide and toolkit to develop a substance use policy

Canadian Human Rights Commission

- Impaired at Work A guide to accommodating substance dependence
- Canadian Human Rights Commission's Policy on Alcohol and Drug Testing

Mental Health Commission of Canada

- Workplace (resources for the workplace)
- National Standard for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace (web page)
 - O Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace (National Standard document) provides the framework for organizations to develop a psychologically healthy and safe workplace (hosted on the Canadian Standards Association website)

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

- Impairment at Work
- Workplace Strategies: Risk of Impairment from Cannabis
- Impairment and Cannabis in the Workplace: Online course to address impairment in the workplace

Institute for Work and Health

Workplace Cannabis Use and Perceptions among Canadian Workers before Legalization

Government of Canada

Workplace Impairment Questions and Answers

International Association of Chiefs of Police

Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)

Workplace Peer Support Programs

 Consult with insurance providers (EAP/EFAP), occupational health services, unions or substance abuse professionals to see if they have recommendations or resources

- Workplace Resources: It's Our Business. Alberta Health Services has developed a number of workplaces products (e.g., designing peer support programs, identifying issues, frequently asked questions, etc.):
 - It's Our Business: Addressing Addiction & Mental Health in the Workplace: Prevention and health promotion manual for workplace consultation
 - Workplace Peer Support: How to develop and set up a peer support program
 - o Does Someone I Work with Have a Problem?
 - Peer Support Programs in the Workplace: FAQs
- Team Awareness Training for Workplace Substance Abuse Prevention: A workplace-training program to address behavioural risks associated with substance use among employees and coworkers
- Peer Support Canada: Provides peer support accreditation and certification

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