



## Day of Mourning – April 28

April 28 is Canada's National Day of Mourning. This day commemorates workers who have lost their lives because of work-related injuries or diseases. The most recent statistics from the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC) tells us there were 1,081 workplace fatalities recorded in Canada in 2021. 1,009 were male workers and 72 were female. Among them were 18 young workers aged 15-24. All leave behind families, friends, and fellow workers.

We continue to remember the crane collapse incident at a downtown construction site in Kelowna, which killed five people on the morning of July 12, 2021.

BC Crane Safety asks all crane stakeholders to remember brothers Eric Stemmer (32), superintendent, and Patrick Stemmer (28), crane operator; crane rigger Jared Zook (32); crane operator Cailen Vilness (23); and civil engineering technologist Brad Zawislak (53) who was working in a neighbouring office building. April 28 is a day to reflect on all tragic workplace fatalities and the loved ones, family members, friends and co-workers whose lives are forever changed as a result.

Please take a moment of silence to remember workers whose lives have been lost and the families and communities that continue to feel the impact of their loss.

No one should ever be at risk of being injured or killed at work. All of us have roles and responsibilities in the effort to protect workers and promote workplace safety.

Prime Contractors have overall responsibility for health and safety on the worksite.

Crane Owners and sub-contractors are responsible for the health and safety of the company and their employees.

Supervisors who instruct and direct workers in the performance of their duties can be management or staff, even if they don't hold the official supervisor title. Anyone who meets this description is directly responsible for the health and safety of the workers they oversee.

Workers also have responsibilities based on three key rights:

- The right to know about hazards in the workplace.
- The right to participate in health and safety activities in the workplace.
- The right to refuse unsafe work.

So, if you're working and see a workplace hazard, stop and intervene. Correct it if you can or report it. Discuss safer job procedures with your supervisor. Raise safety issues at the next safety meeting.

By remaining committed to workplace health and safety, we all can help ensure workers go home safely at the end of the day.

Project: .....

Address: .....

Employer: .....

Supervisor: .....

Date: ..... Time: ..... Shift: .....

Number in crew: ..... Number attending: .....

Other safety concerns or suggestions: .....

Record of those attending:

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Manager's remarks: .....

Manager: .....

Supervisor: .....

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For more information on health and safety requirements for crane operations in B.C., refer to the Workers Compensation Act and the OHS Regulation on [worksafebc.com](http://worksafebc.com).