

# OPEN SHOP



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## CSAM new WSH App Simplifies Safety Information For Construction Companies

The Construction Safety Association of Manitoba (CSAM) is streamlining safety with its new official CSAM App, designed to save time on the job site and help you better understand your legislated safety obligations.

CSAM has compressed more than 350 pages

of the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Act and Regulation to keep in your pocket and at your fingertips, with an app available now for cell phones and tablets on Google Play and the App Store.

"The WSH Act and Regulation are huge documents that can be hard to navigate," says CSAM Executive Director Sean Scott. "We created this app as a resource to enable contractors, supervisors, and workers to easily access and understand their legislated responsibilities and legal requirements – and most importantly, how to comply with the law."

Broken down alphabetically by topic, the CSAM App compiles 20 categories

of Manitoba's workplace safety and health laws, including the original legislated text, a summary of the text rewritten in plain language, and a list of practical resources to better implement the necessary requirements.

"The legislation itself can often be hard to read and understand because it's filled with legal jargon, and there's not always time on the job site to stop and figure it out," says CSAM Director of Operations Derek Pott.

"We have made the Act and Regulation as clear as possible so that it can be effectively used and referenced on the job site when contractors need the information."

The app also contains quick links to access other practicable information and resources, including CSAM's website. These features would require Wi-Fi or cellular data, however all the WSH Act and Regulation content is available offline, meaning this important

safety information is easily available, even when working on sites in remote rural locations.

"This app is just one way in which CSAM works to provide practical solutions for a safer workplace," Scott says. "If you have further questions or need more help with safety in your workplace, please contact us – we are safety, and just like with this app, we'll help you find the answers you need."

The CSAM App is available for free and does not require membership to access.



# Merit Fall Reception

We held our annual Fall reception on October 24, 2019. This was a great opportunity to network with our members, friends and colleagues. Minister Schuler brought greetings from the Province and spoke about the open tendering bill that has been reintroduced in the legislature. In celebration of Merit's 25th anniversary we showcased our builders wall which tells the story of Merit Manitoba.



President, Yvette Milner and Past Chair Richard Robertson





Honourable Ron Schuler, Minister of Infrastructure



Chair Richard Wilson and Past Chair Richard Robertson



# Training and Education Calendar

## Upcoming Classroom Courses (2020)

**February 27-28**

Construction Law

**March 3**

Productive Conflict

**March 9-10**

Construction Estimating

**April 27-28**

Project Management

**April 29**

Project Accounting & Cost Control

**May 12**

Introduction to Blueprint Reading



This Christmas season Merit provided hampers to two families in Winnipeg.

Thank you so much to those who contributed. The generosity of our members is greatly appreciated.

# On-Line Training

A successful contractor has to keep abreast of many different facets of business, including ethics, safety, project management and communication. As a Distributor of BuildForce courses, our online course offerings are efficient, easy to access and available when you are. All courses accrue towards Gold Seal certification.

## United Training Academy

We continue to offer equipment and safety training at reduced member rates through our partner, United Training Academy.

We are always adding courses and seminars based on member feedback. Go to [www.meritmb.com](http://www.meritmb.com) for the most current information.

## Save the following dates

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 2nd, 2020.

Annual Golf Tournament Wednesday, June 17, 2020  
Details to follow.



## Welcome to our new members

Graham Construction and Engineering LP

Downtown Plumbing & Heating Ltd.

Trotco Electric Inc.

P. Stafford Electric Ltd.

Power Driven Electric Ltd.

Deerfield Mechanical Electrical Ltd.

Guardian Fencing

G.P.D. Flatroofing Ltd.

IN-EX Plastering & Stucco Inc.

Harwood Design Builders Ltd.

Midnight Sun Refrigeration Inc.

Southern Comfort Mechanical Inc.

G.E.C. Group Electrical Contractors Ltd.

ESI Rail Ltd.

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