DAY OF MOURNING TOOL BOX REFLECTION



Brothers and Sisters,

April 28 is recognized as the National Day of Mourning across Canada and is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives, suffered injury or illness on the job, or experienced a work-related tragedy.

The National Day of Mourning is not only a day to remember and honour those lives lost or injured due to a workplace tragedy, but also a day to collectively renew our commitment to improve health and safety in the workplace and prevent further injuries, illnesses and deaths.

According to the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC), in 2021, there were 54 workplace fatalaties in Atlantic Canada and 1,081 workplace fatalities recorded in Canada, 1,009 of which were male workers, and 72 were female workers. Among these deaths were 18 young workers aged 15-24.

Safety in the workplace is everyone's responsibility to make sure everyone returns home safe and healthy at the end of a shift. The next time you see an unsafe situation, follow safe work procedures and report it. Don't ignore it. Be safe, on and off the job.

In Solidarity,

Deb Romero

Executive Secretary Treasurer

For more information on how you can keep your workplace safe, visit workplacenl.ca worksafenb.ca wcb.ns.ca wcb.pe.ca