

## MASC gears up for bigger, better show

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The Canadian Standards Association estimates that operation and maintenance of machinery results in about 1,800 critical injuries and more than 80 deaths among Canadian workers every year. This is true despite advancements in machine safety technologies and increasing corporate liability for workplace injuries.

Canadian Occupational Safety, in cooperation with Manufacturing Automation magazine and SaferMachines.com, is working to help reverse this trend through educational sessions and technology exhibitions on machine safeguarding at the 2009 Machine Automation Safety Congress (MASC).

Now on its second year, the MASC exhibition is held within the 2009 IAPA Health & Safety Canada Conference and Tradeshow on April 20 - 22, 2009 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

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Also new this year are two educational sessions on machine safety - one will discuss the legal requirements for machine guarding, and the other will focus on the use of modern technologies to improve machine safety. In both panel sessions, health and safety practitioners will get a chance to interact with experts in the field of health and safety, ask questions on hot topics and learn about new trends on machine safety and safeguarding.

If you're planning to attend Health & Safety Canada, be sure to stop by the MASC pavilion for some live demonstrations of new technologies and a chance to chat with experts from leading suppliers of machine safety equipment.

Machine safety panel session schedules:

On the side of the law  
April 21 - 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Moderator:  
Mari-Len De Guzman, Editor, COS magazine

Panelists:  
Cheryl Edwards, partner, Heenan Blaikie, COS legal columnist  
Wayne DeL'Orme, Ministry of Labour (  
Simon Fridlyand, president S.A.F.E. Engineering Inc.

Safety and technology  
April 21 - 11:15 am to 12:15 pm

Moderator:  
Mary Del Ciancio, editor, Manufacturing AUTOMATION magazine

Panelists:  
Bill Valedis, president of Imperial Automation Training  
Walter Veugen, founder of Veugen Integrated Technologies  
Allen Rutherford, P.Eng, applications engineer, Bosch Rexroth Canada  
John Murphy, Machine Guarding and Safety Specialist, Vickers-Warnick Ltd