

# The Safety Indicator

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Let's Celebrate! October is the three (3) year anniversary of the Safety Consortium!

*Consortium Goal: To share information and ideas that will result in safer work environments.*

**Notes from the August 17, 2004 Consortium Meeting:**

Nancy Rudnitski from Smurfit-Stone Containers gave a very detailed presentation on how to get employees on board with safety. Nancy shared information about Smurfit-Stone Containers' success with safety teams, employee incentives and accountability.

Scott Millbower updated the Group on the Consortium lobbying efforts for Worker's Compensation reform. A letter, as approved by the Group, will be mailed to David Wehner, the Chairman of the NYS Worker's Compensation Board. In addition, Scott also received approval for a letter template, which will be used by members of the Group to send to NYS legislators when the time is appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact Scott at 624-3197.

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**Mark your calendars!**

**Save the Date: October 12, 2004**

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Location:** Madison-Oneida BOCES

**Agenda:**

8:00 AM: Wellness Presentation

9:00 AM: Round Table Discussion

Presenters: Paul Coderre, Dave Lyman and Anne Moriarty  
PMA Insurance

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**FACILITATION TEAM**

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*If you are interested in being a team member, please call Daria Helmer.*

**Wellness Topic Overview:**

**Problem:** Lost time compensation costs are skyrocketing.

**Questions that will be answered:**

- Why do Employees stay out of work?
- Which organizational cultures contribute to higher out of work rates? How are they defined?
- How do you fix the culture and cure the problem?

Please note: Wellness is defined as identifying and fixing sick organizations - NOT employee wellness programs.

**December 7, 2004 Meeting**

**Presentation:** Return to Work (Legal issues, Filing, Returning Employee to Work)

**Presenter:**  
PMA Insurance

**Host Company:** TBD  
If your company is willing to host this meeting, please call Daria at 338-0393.



## Mohawk Valley Safety Professionals Consortium Meeting Schedule 2005

- January 11, 2005
- March 8, 2005
- May 10, 2005
- July 12, 2005
- September 13, 2005
- November 8, 2005



## Mohawk Valley Safety Professionals Consortium Tentative Presentation Topics 2005

- Confined Spaces
- Accident Investigations
- Disaster Preparedness
- Spill Response
- Shipment of Hazardous Material
- Drug Free Workplace
- Ergonomics
- Supervisor/Employee Accountability

Please note: Dates and topics are  
subject to change.