



# CROWSNEST PASS

*Naturally Rewarding*

**Municipality of Crowsnest Pass**

**New/Transferred Employee**

**Health and Safety Orientation**

**Updated July 6, 2022**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### To Report an Incident:

1. **Contact your supervisor**
2. **Fill out Immediate Incident Notification Form and send it to Health and Safety Advisor**
3. **For lost time or medical attention incidents please contact Human Resources so that a Workers Compensation Claim can be prepared.**

### Employee's Supervisor:

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### Health and Safety Advisor:

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Employer Co-Chair - Kristin Ivey, office (403) 563-1273

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# MUNICIPAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

 <p>CROWSNEST PASS <i>Naturally Rewarding</i></p>	<h2>Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Policy</h2>
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## 1.0 POLICY PURPOSE

The Municipality and its Council are committed to providing a strong Health and Safety Program that provides a safe and healthy workplace for the employees of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass. This program endeavors to protect Employee physical, psychological, and social well-being, as well as, property and the public from harm.

1.1 The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass as the employer, is ultimately responsible for the health and safety of its workers, by fulfilling this commitment to protect both people and property, management will provide and maintain a safe and healthy workplace environment in accordance with industry standards and in compliance with the requirements of Alberta's Occupational Health and Safety Act and will strive to eliminate any hazards which may result in personal injury, illness, accidents or property damage.

1.2 Safe work practices and procedures will be clearly defined in the Health and Safety Manual for all employees to follow. Loss due to accidents can be minimized through good management in combination with active employee involvement.

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS

**“Contractors”** means a person or company that undertakes a contract to provide goods, services or perform a job.

**“Council”** means the duly elected officers of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.

**“Employee” or “Worker”** means any person employed with the Municipality on any basis including full time, part time, casual, temporary or paid on call.

**“Management or Manager”** means the Manager of a Municipal Department, as designated by the CAO, and his/her duly authorized designee(s).

**“Municipality”** means the corporation of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass located in the Province of Alberta.

“Psychological and Social well-being” means a state of well-being in which the individual realizes their own abilities, can cope with regular stress of life, can work productively, and make a contribution to their community.

“Supervisors” means employees that oversee other employees such as the CAO, Directors, Managers, or Lead Hands.

### 3.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all Managers, Supervisors, Employees/Workers, Consultants and Contractors.

### 4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Safety is the direct responsibility of all Managers, Supervisors and Employees. Employees at every level are responsible and accountable for the Municipality’s overall safety initiatives:

#### 4.1 Managers and Supervisor Responsibilities

Managers and Supervisors are responsible for creating an environment that promotes active employee participation in health and safety related activities and by ensuring compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety legislation, and the Municipality’s own health and safety standards as established by policies, safe work procedures and best practices. Managers and Supervisors are responsible for other specific duties as outlined in the Health and Safety Manual.

#### 4.2 Employee/Worker Responsibilities

Employees/Workers are responsible for working safely in a way that protects his or her own health and that of their co-workers by ensuring compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety legislation, and the Municipality’s own health and safety standards as established by policies, safe work procedures and best practices. Employees are responsible for other specific duties as outlined in the Health and Safety Manual.

#### 4.3 Contractor Responsibilities

Contractors are responsible for working safely in a way that protects his or her own health by ensuring compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety legislation, and the Municipality’s own health and safety standards as established by policies, safe work procedures and best practices. Contractors are responsible for other specific duties as outlined in the Health and Safety Manual.

*Original Signed*

Blair Painter  
Mayor

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Date

*Original Signed*

Patrick Thomas  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Date

## Health and Safety Rules

The safety information contained in this orientation is designed to work in conjunction with *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)*, where conflict arises the higher standard shall prevail. All Contractors, Subcontractors and Employees should be familiar with the OHSA, Regulations and Code.

- In addition to these Health and Safety Rules, supplementary instructions applicable to specified locations may be issued, as such the term safety rules shall mean not only the Health and Safety Rules, but also any supplementary safety instructions which may apply.
- These safety rules are mandatory: **“They shall be observed as a condition of employment”**.
- Where conflicts exist between rules set out herein and those set out for Fire Department Personnel and Peace Officers, the Department rules shall override.

## Assignment of responsibility and accountability for Health and Safety

### General duties for all employees

- Report all new concerns, hazardous conditions, near misses, unsafe acts, conditions, injuries, occupational illness, or incidents, and first aid requirements are to be reported to the appropriate supervisor promptly. Written documentation must be provided using the appropriate Health and Safety report form and sent to the health and safety advisor.
- Employees will participate in hazard assessment and putting controls in place through the daily toolbox, Field Level Hazard Assessment or through Formal Hazard Assessment Process.
- First Aid Treatment is to be obtained promptly for all injuries. Injuries and First Aid administered shall be reported to the supervisor and logged in the First Aid report. First Aid supplies on the jobsite or workplace must not be misused.
- Read, understand, and comply with rules and regulations, and the health and safety manual.
- All work shall be carried out in accordance with appropriate safe work practices, procedures and policy, and the supervisor’s direction.
- Employees shall ensure that work sites are kept neat, clean, and orderly. An orderly workplace is one of the basic requirements of a safe workplace. Tools and materials should be stored in the work area in a safe and orderly manner. Potential hazards shall be removed immediately. Every employee shall immediately report any condition which threatens the safety of employees or the public. The employees shall take such steps as are necessary to guard the hazard.
- Damaging, disabling, or interfering with safety, firefighting or first aid equipment, is prohibited.
- Employees are encouraged to forward through proper channels any constructive suggestions or criticisms of the rules.
- Employees shall not engage in horseplay, nor respond to the urging of others to do so.

Should an injury to an employee or a member of the public and/or damage to Municipal or private property result from horseplay, the employee(s) involved shall be disciplined.

- Offer suggestions for health and safety
- Wear PPE and use safety equipment as per policy
- Assist in establishing safe work procedures
- Assist in hazard ranking
- Assist with formal workplace inspections
- Set a good example for all other employees.

## **Manager**

- Establish safety policy
- Establish safe work procedures
- Coordinate and assist Health and Safety Advisor with implementation and maintenance of health and safety policy
- Provide a safe and healthy workplace
- Maintain a health and safety program
- Ensure employees have proper training
- Ensure personal protective equipment (PPE) is available
- Ensure regular inspections are conducted and documented
- Correct unsafe conditions
- Provide first aid training
- Investigate all incidents
- Conduct Departmental Safety Meetings
- Report injuries to Workers' Compensation Board (Human Resources)
- Ensure compliance with *Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Legislation*
- Enforcing rules

## **Health and Safety Advisor**

- Orientation of staff, new or internally transferred staff, contractors and visitors
- Ensure implementation and maintenance of safety policy
- Enforce good attitudes towards safety policy
- Ensure safety equipment and PPE are available in good condition
- Develop understanding of employees' responsibilities for health and safety
- Review safety policies regularly
- Participate in regular inspections and investigations
- Ensure contractors adhere to safety policy
- Conduct regular Joint Health and Safety Committee meetings
- Observe safety activities
- Ensure adequate safety training is provided for employees
- Coordinate with lead hands to develop safe work practices and incorporate in the Health and Safety Manual

## Lead Hand

- Promote safety awareness
- Develop safe work procedures
- Ranking of hazards
- Assist in establishing safe work procedures
- Instruct employees
- Correct unsafe practices or conditions
- Inspect, identify, and correct hazards
- Assist in incident investigations
- Provide regular toolbox safety meetings
- Ensure adequate training for new employees and employees assigned to new jobs
- Ensure safety equipment and PPE are available and in good condition
- Implement work site safety
- Develop specific duties for each employee on site
- Provide Health and Safety Advisor with copies of all safety related forms including toolbox meeting forms, FLHA's and incident reports
- Arrange for medical treatment as required

## Joint Health and Safety Committee

- Administer the health and safety program
- Report and review investigations and analysis
- Perform Workplace Inspections
- Assist with safety seminars and courses
- Continually update and evaluate health and safety performance
- Review hazard ranking
- Review safe work procedures/practices

## New/Transferred employees' safety orientation

- All new and transferred employees of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass shall receive a safety orientation within the first five days of commencing work.
- Worker's Rights
  - a. **the right to refuse dangerous work** and know that you're protected from reprisal
  - b. **the right to know** about workplace hazards and have access to basic health and safety information
  - c. **the right to participate** in health and safety discussions and health and safety committees
- New and transferred employees will review the Health and Safety Policy located at <http://www.crowsnestpass.com/municipal-government/municipal-administration/health-safety>

- New and transferred employees shall be advised of the rules and procedures regarding personal protective equipment, incident reporting, hazard identification and assessment, job expectations and a tour of the job site shall be conducted.
- A verification form shall be signed by the new and transferred employees stating the orientation took place as per policy.

### **Qualifications/Fit for duty**

- In the event an employee feels they are temporarily not capable of safely performing work assigned, they shall discuss and bring such conditions to the attention of their Lead Hand.
- If, in the opinion of a worker, a hazardous situation exists, that portion of the job shall be deferred until agreement as to safe procedures can be reached with the man in charge, his supervisor and/or department head.
- Any Lead Hand or supervisor, having reasonable grounds to suspect that an employee under their jurisdiction is either mentally or physically unfit for the work assigned, shall prohibit such employee from working until satisfactory medical or other evidence indicating their fitness is secured. The supervisor shall submit a written report of action to the employee's department head.
- Use of intoxicating liquor or narcotics by employees during working hours is prohibited and any violation thereof shall be subject to disciplinary action. An Employee shall not report to work knowingly under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics.
- Under no circumstances will an employee be allowed to work while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics and a Lead Hand or supervisor who knowingly permits an employee to go to work while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics shall be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- It is the intent of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass to ensure employees use personal protective equipment whenever and wherever it is required, including but not limited to steel toe boots, gloves, safety glasses and hard hat.
- Protective clothing and equipment shall be worn by workers in accordance with *Occupational Health and Safety Code Part 18* and shall conform to CSA standards.
- It is the responsibility of the employee to maintain protective equipment in a proper state of repair. Items should be replaced as required.
- PPE shall be inspected at the time of issue and before each use by the employee.

### **Clothing, Hygiene, and Appearance**

- All employees shall be clean, well-groomed, and dressed appropriately for the job that they are doing.
- Outside employees shall wear a shirt, long pants, and steel-toe boots.

### **Emergency Response Procedures**

- Individual Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures are posted at each Municipal facility.



- Employees are to review the Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures at the facility prior to commencing any operations.
- Employees are expected to know the location of the various facility Muster Points.

## Fire Protection

- Employees shall make themselves familiar with fire exits and the location and use of fire extinguishers, hose reels and alarm stations within their area of work.
- Rules of good housekeeping and the proper handling and storage of combustible and flammable materials shall always prevail.
- Report fires directly to the fire department by calling 911.
- Employees shall report fire hazards to the Supervisor, Manager or Health and Safety Advisor.
- Use of any fire extinguishers on Municipal property shall be reported immediately to the Lead Hand and/or Health and Safety Advisor. All unsafe, defective, or unserviceable firefighting equipment shall be reported to supervisors immediately.

## Hazardous Material

All employees involved in the use of hazardous materials (gaseous, liquid, or solid) shall make themselves familiar with *Occupational Health and Safety Code Part 29* and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) pertaining to the safe handling and storage of these materials.

## Tools and Equipment

**Power tools and equipment will be used by those employees trained and authorized to do so.**

- All hand and power tools and equipment shall be maintained in a safe condition and used in a safe manner and only for the purpose for which they were intended. The operator will not operate the tools or equipment if in their opinion it is unsafe to do so.
- Damaged or defective tools or equipment shall be marked and taken out of service. These shall be reported to the supervisor for repairs or replacement. Only tools in good repair, with all guards and safety devices in place, shall be used.
- Signalmen or safety guards will be used for all tight spaces and backing up maneuvers.

## Vehicle Use

- Municipality owned or leased vehicles and equipment shall be operated only by those employees trained, licensed, and authorized for their use.
- Drivers operating Municipal vehicles will comply with **all** traffic laws as required including, but not limited to.
  - a) Speed Limits: Obey all posted speed limits and reduce speed according to road, weather, visibility conditions and vehicle type.
  - b) Seat Belt Use: Anyone, while operating Municipal vehicles, must use their seat belt(s) (it's the law) at all times.
  - c) Defensive Driving: Be a professional and courteous driver by driving in a defensive manner. Be prepared to avoid accident producing situations by practicing and by

promoting safe defensive driving skills.

d) Fueling: Before fueling, the driver must:

- shut off engine
  - not smoke
  - check for fuel leaks
  - not overfill the tank
  - not leave nozzle unattended and
  - replace filler cap when finished fueling
- Employees shall operate all vehicles and equipment in accordance with site rules and policy.
  - Riding on equipment for purposes other than proper operation or training is strictly prohibited. No person shall ride any hook, hoist, or other material handling equipment, which is used strictly for handling materials and not specifically designed to carry riders.

## **Smoking**

- All “No Smoking” signs shall be officially observed.
- In areas where smoking is allowed, matches, cigarettes, etc. shall be discarded in the appropriate receptacles.



## NEW/TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEE SAFETY ORIENTATION FORM

Date of Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of New Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

Health and Safety Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Christine Boardman \_\_\_\_\_

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As stated in the "Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Health and Safety Manual", all new and transferred employees must receive a safety orientation within one week of hire.

The safety orientation must cover several aspects of our Safety Program. Below is a list of mandatory topics. Please initial beside each one as they are covered during your orientation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Employee has reviewed the Health and Safety Orientation and understands the Municipality's expectations for health and safety

\_\_\_\_\_ Employee's three (3) basic rights as covered under the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act

\_\_\_\_\_ Incident/Accident and safety reporting

\_\_\_\_\_ Employee's role in hazard identification and implementing controls

\_\_\_\_\_ Procedures regarding personal protective equipment (PPE). i.e. PPE required, when it is required, and proper use and maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ Tour of necessary facilities

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NOTE: Signing this form verifies that you have received the safety orientation as per policy.

Employee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_