



April 28 Day of Mourning

Joint Statement – District of Kitimat and Unifor 2300

April 28 - The National Day of Mourning is held annually in Canada. This National Day is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives, suffered injury or illness on the job or due to a work-related tragedy.

Importantly, this National Day is not only a day to remember and honour those lives lost or injured due to a workplace tragedy, but also a day to renew the commitment to improve health and safety in the workplace and prevent injuries, illnesses and deaths, a commitment that the District of Kitimat and Unifor 2300 equally share.

The most recent statistics from the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC) tell us that in 2015, 852 workplace deaths were recorded in Canada. Among those dead were four young workers aged fifteen to nineteen years; and another eleven workers aged twenty to twenty-four years.

Each worker death impacts the loved ones, families, friends and coworkers they leave behind, changing all of their lives forever.

Today the Day of Mourning has spread to 100 countries around the world. It is hoped that this annual observance will help to strengthen the resolve to establish safe and healthy conditions in the workplace, and prevent further injuries and deaths. As much as this is a day to remember the dead, it is also a call to protect the living and make work a place to thrive.

Reference: <https://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/>

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