

HSW MONTHLY

New EFAP Provider



As of September 1, 2018, *LifeWorks* by Morneau Shepell is our new Employee and Family Assistance Program or EFAP Provider.

LifeWorks is available to all SD61 staff who are eligible for benefits and their immediate family members. It is available 24/7, is confidential, voluntary and is available at no cost to you!

You can receive counseling and coaching for a variety of work, health and life issues including, but not limited to:

- \Rightarrow Achieving well-being
- \Rightarrow Managing relationships and family
- ⇒ Dealing with workplace challenges
- \Rightarrow Tackling addictions
- ⇒ Finding child/elder care resources
- \Rightarrow Getting legal advice
- ⇒ Receiving financial guidance
- \Rightarrow Improving nutrition
- \Rightarrow Focusing on your physical health

For more information or to access your **Employee and Family Assistance** Program call them at 1-844-880-9142 or visit them at www.workhealthlife.com

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WHMIS 2015

In 2015, WHMIS 1988 was updated to a Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of classification and labeling of hazardous products. In BC, this system is called WHMIS 2015.

The new WHMIS 2015 system provides consistency in labeling, pictograms/ symbols and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for hazardous products used in the workplace.

Changes from WHIMIS 1988 to WHMIS 2015 include, but not limited to:

- Labeling supplier labels on hazardous products now follow the same layout. No longer includes the hatched border.
- Pictograms/symbols now are • surrounded by a red diamond vs a black circle.





MSDS are now called Safety Data • Sheets (SDS). All SDS now follow the same template, to limit confusion.

Products that fall under WHMIS • used to be called "Controlled Products." In WHMIS 2015, they are now called "Hazardous Products."

WHIMS 2015 training is ongoing and will be launched in schools in September 2018. Please stay tuned.

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