

The purpose of this newsletter is to unite all the UNBC campus's (Prince George, Prince Rupert, Terrace, Gitwinksihlkw, Quesnel, Likely, Ft St John) and grow our UNBC Community's Safety Culture together by regularly communicating important Safety information. UNBC's mission is to Ignite, Inspire, and Lead change.

Safety is a collective effort, and universities play a vital role in fostering secure and healthy learning environments. With that said May is a very exciting month for our UNBC Community with Campus Convocations starting, Celebrating our students' academic journeys. Graduating from UNBC is indeed a remarkable achievement. It represents the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and growth.

To the class of 2024, as you step onto that stage, clad in your cap and gown, you carry with you not just a degree, but a wealth of knowledge, experiences, and memories. Congratulations, graduates! May your future be as bright as the stage lights illuminating your path.

**Our UNBC Prince George convocation is May 31st, our Northwest Campus (Terrace) Celebrating June 3rd, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute (Gitwinksihlkw) - June 4th, 2024, South-Central Campus (Quesnel) June 6th and our Northeast Campus (Ft St John) celebrating June 7th.**

**Fun Fact!**

UNBC has had 803 individuals who have applied to graduate for this year.

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We all know a convocation ceremony brings people together to celebrate the graduating class's achievements, however it also brings a surge of strangers, many who have never visited the campus. While safety is a year-round priority for our UNBC Community, various campus officials and security department personnel understand that special events precipitate the need for enhanced precautionary and safety efforts.

***Safety during our graduation ceremonies is crucial to ensure a smooth and secure event. Here are some essential Safety measures considered for our UNBC events:***

## **1. Upon Arrival**

- Traffic Control: Will guide you to a parking spot, as the space around the Northern Sports Centre fills up, you may be offered parking in Lot A. Expect delays when arriving and leaving due to the high volume on Campus.
- Bus and Shuttle Services: Consider taking advantage of bus or shuttle services to alleviate congestion.

## **2. During the Convocation**

- Should you see any suspicious activities or safety concerns, please speak with a uniformed Security Officer.
- In the event of an emergency, please follow the directions of the Speaker and event personnel wearing high visibility vests.
- Emergency exits are available on both sides of the Northern Sports Centre from ground level. From other floors, proceed to marked staircases during an evacuation.

**Remember, safety doesn't detract from the celebration—it enhances it by providing peace of mind for everyone involved.**

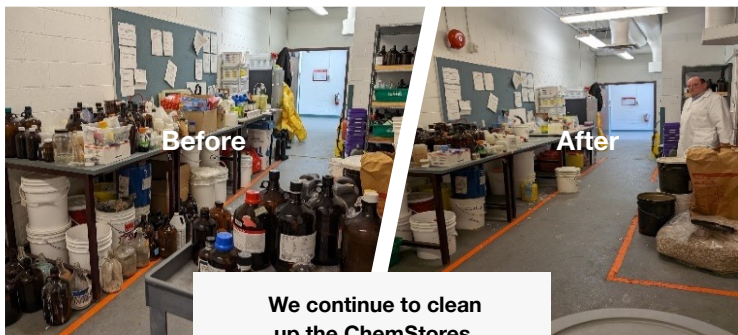
Now more than ever occupational health and safety is in the spotlight and top of mind. **Safety and Health Week in Canada (May 6-11th)** is an essential time for employers, employees, partners, and the public to focus on preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home, and especially for our UNBC community. Some main areas of focus during Safety week across Canada are:

- **Workplace Safety:** Employers should reinforce safety protocols, provide training, and ensure a hazard-free environment. Employees should actively participate in safety programs, report concerns, and follow safety guidelines.
- **Community Safety:** Encourage safe practices in public spaces, parks, and neighborhoods. Promote road safety, pedestrian awareness, and responsible behavior. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility. Let's make Canada a safer place for all!
- **Home Safety:** At home, focus on fire safety, electrical safety, and preventing accidents. Check smoke detectors, secure loose cords, and keep emergency numbers handy.

The month of May also has several other Safety programs & initiatives taking place throughout many organizations across Canada. Here are a couple to share with our UNBC Community.

- Clean Air Month
- Mental Health month
- Building Safety Month
- Better Hearing Month
- National Electrical Safety Month

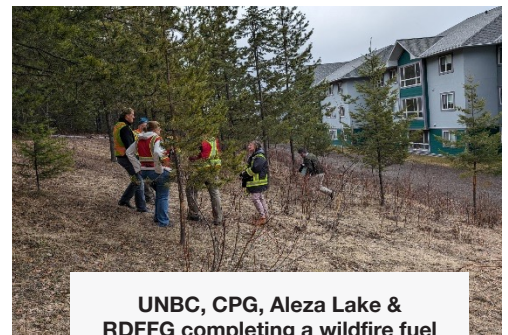
## What's Safety up to?



Before

After

We continue to clean up the ChemStores Waste Room.



UNBC, CPG, Aleza Lake & RDFFG completing a wildfire fuel assessment on our campus.

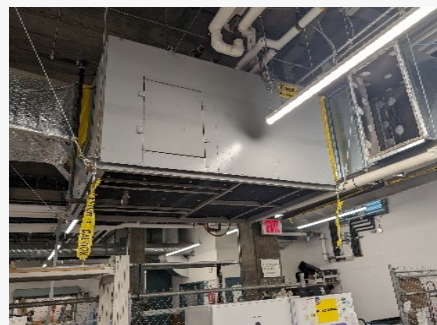
## Positive Observations

*Promoting a Safety Conscious Culture for our UNBC Community*

Staff reviewing the new Saw Stop table saw Safety Manual & having an equipment lesson prior to use.



Distribution Services: Placed caution tape over the bolts for forklift visibility. Good Job Distribution Services!



If you see any positive safety initiatives, please photograph them, and send the pictures to [safety@unbc.ca](mailto:safety@unbc.ca)

**Working together for safety**

*We would like to thank everyone for participating in our growing Safety Community at UNBC!*