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Working alone at Waypoint: maximum insecurity

We are continuing our media campaign to make our workplace safer. This week, we are focusing on how working alone makes us more vulnerable to attacks.

We want Waypoint to implement safer staffing levels to allow us to work in pairs at all times during care and when walking through hallways.

Hiring more full-time staff reduces our risk of becoming victims of violence in other ways as well. It allows for continuity of care and a chance for us caregivers to build a therapeutic relationship with our patients. It also means that our patients could have more access to programs and recreational facilities, which could reduce some of the tension that causes or contributes to violent incidents.



Working alone at Waypoint: maximum insecurity

Working at Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care is not like any other job. Workers there care for some patients who have committed serious crimes.

Waypoint is a maximum security facility, but when staff have to work alone, it's maximum insecurity.

Waypoint needs safe staffing levels – before someone gets killed.

Send a message you care:
 @WaypointCtr
 @Kathleen_Wynne (Premier of Ontario)
 @MPPatriciaBryon (Minister of Labour)
 @DrEricHoskins (Minister of Health)

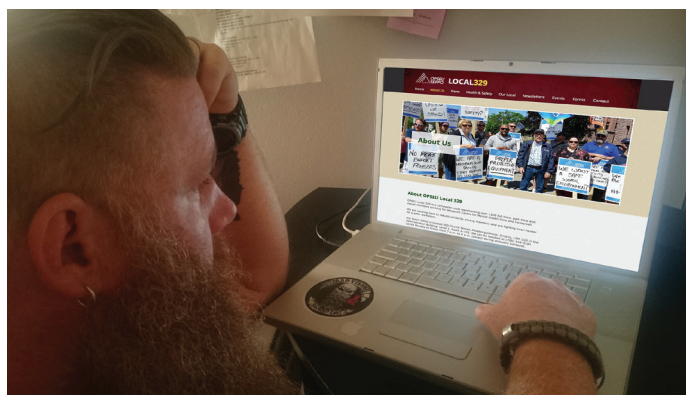
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Join the conversation:
**#stay safe
 be safe**

**We support a safe environment
 for workers at Waypoint**

For more information visit www.opseu.org/staysafe

Check out our new website



It's finally here! Our new website is up and running and we couldn't be happier. This is going to be a huge asset for members and the local.

One of the great features of the new website is the email sign-up list. By signing up, you will be able to receive important information from the local quickly and efficiently. It will also allow us to form a very detailed list of member stats.

So please, get to your computer and sign up now at www.opseulocal329.ca! We will also have paper copies of the subscription form available in the union office for anyone who is not able – or prefers not to – sign up electronically.

I am really excited about the opportunities this new website will provide our local and our members.

In solidarity,
Pete Sheehan, President Local 329

Health and Safety forms now on our website

Do you need to file a SPIRiT report? Do you need to send a letter to your manager to request a follow up on that SPIRiT report you just submitted? We've got you covered. Check out the Health and Safety section on our new local website.

If you don't have access to a computer, or prefer to fill out hard copies of these forms, they are still available at the union office.

Together we can make this a safer workplace!

We want to make it easier for members to have access to the forms and information they need to ensure health and safety matters are reported and addressed.

Your Health and Safety committee:

- Gary Fisch
- Josh Holden
- Steve Hoy
- Maribel Sanqui
- Pete Sheehan
- Dave Vajda
- Joan Wood

And the winners are...

Congratulations to Sharon Dion and Cheryl Bisschop who won passes to the Urban Slide event just by liking our event page on Facebook.

Be sure to check out our website and Facebook page regularly for more contests and prizes!

Upcoming Events

Don't forget about our solidarity BBQs at Rotary Park in Penetanguishene, under the pavilion near the splash pad.

- Saturday, August 6, 2016
- Saturday, August 27, 2016

See our Facebook event page for more details.

Your Campaign Team:

- Pete Sheehan
- Kevin Rawson
- Kathy Teeter
- Alyson Parent
- Brandon Ramjitsingh
- Dave Vajda



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