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We deserve to stay safe, be safe

Waypoint workers are fed up with the workplace health and safety hazards that management is failing to address. We want a safer environment not only for ourselves, but for the patients we care for.

With the support of OPSEU, we are launching a public campaign to raise awareness about the health and safety challenges we face day in and day out on the job.

The union's health and safety representatives will also be giving you the tools to be able to identify risks in your workplace and tell you how to effectively navigate the process of reporting your concerns.

OPSEU eventually plans to expand this campaign to its entire mental health sector.

What to expect from our campaign

"Stay safe, be safe" is what many Waypoint workers tell each other at the beginning of their shifts. It's also the inspiration for our campaign. We want management and the Ontario government to understand what it's like to work on the frontlines at Waypoint. We want them to know the dangers we face and how they can make our workplace safer.

Starting next week, we will be publishing a weekly ad in the Midland Mirror and begin running radio ads on Rock 95 and Kicx 106 FM. A different ad will run each week, for five weeks. We want to get the word out on what is going on at Waypoint. You can help us by encouraging your friends and relatives to send a tweet to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne demanding she take action, before someone gets killed.

Join the cause, wear a sticker!

You may notice something different about your coworkers in the coming days. That yellow circle on their work clothes isn't a mustard stain, it's a sticker.

Get yours, wear it, show your support and show your patients you care about their safety too. Don't have one? Please contact: Union office (705) 549-3181 Extension 2324

#stay**safe**
be**safe**
If I'm safe, you're safe.



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Health and Safety matters

During the coming weeks, we will be working closely with OPSEU's health and safety representatives to provide you with tips and tools to effectively identify and address health and safety issues and to help the Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) develop recommendations.

To assist with this, OPSEU has provided Local 329 with additional support from Kelly Martin. Kelly is an OPSEU member, an experienced health and safety activist and President of Local 330 representing support staff at the Simcoe County District School Board. For the next two months, Kelly will help support the JHSC in their pursuit of a safe and healthy workplace.

Rest assured, your local and OPSEU are working hard for you! We will continue to stand united in our fight to keep workers safe, and to make sure you go home to your families unharmed each and every day!

Your Health and Safety committee:

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

Upcoming Events:

Our campaign team is going to be out in the community spreading the word about our safety concerns. We have lined up several events over the summer.

Come and check us out at the Canada Day information booth on July 1, 2016 at Little Lake Park.

And be sure to check out the next issue of our newsletter for updates!

If you would like to help out at any of the events please contact Alyson Parent, Campaign Team

Lead at alyson.parent@yahoo.ca or let any member of the campaign team know.

We are counting on your support to help us make our work environment safer!

Your Campaign Team:

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



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