

Substance Abuse

The [Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse](#) (CCSA) is reaching out to safety-sensitive businesses (e.g. transportation, construction, law enforcement, etc.) to learn about their policies and practices for substance use in the workplace, and inviting them to participate in a short online survey. The information collected through the survey will be used to develop openly available tools and resources to help businesses address substance use in the workplace.

Anyone interested in participating need only to respond with an email address and company name – to avoid duplicate entries – to be added to their survey distribution list. The information from participants collected through the survey will be combined and all identifying information relating to individual respondents or businesses will be removed. The survey is being conducted by PRA, a third-party research group, and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Why Participate?

Employers are increasingly challenged with difficult decisions on how to address substance use in the workplace. This includes balancing public safety, employee productivity, human rights compliance and effective and appropriate employee support. The potential impact of the upcoming legalization and regulation of cannabis (marijuana) on businesses is also of concern to some employers. With your help they will be able to produce the following tools, all of which will be made publically available:

- Report on the findings from their research;
- Employer guide for developing an alcohol and drug policy;
- Tools, webinars and resources; and
- Business case to address alcohol- and drug-related issues in the workplace.

If you would like more information about the survey or CCSA, please contact me at kdiedrich@ccsa.ca or 613-235-4048 ext. 249.