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Powerlines

FortisBC is proud to announce its participation in a **Cooperative Safety Program**, a community outreach initiative in partnership with local organizations and municipalities that care about your safety.

Public and workplace safety is everybody's business which is why we are working together to help save lives. The objective is to create public awareness and understanding of potential safety hazards – and how they can be avoided.

When it comes to accidents and why they occur, one of the problems is complacency and the idea that bad things only happen to other people. That mindset can prove fatal. Whether you are at home or at work, being aware of potential risks and avoiding them is an ongoing effort.

In future issues of Powerlines we will include safety information and tips. In this issue, we introduce our safety partnership, including important contact information for reporting potential hazards and accidents.



Working together to help save lives!



Cooperative Safety Program partners

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At **FortisBC**, it's not only our job to make sure power gets to you; we also have a responsibility to help you understand how to stay safe around it. To report electrical safety hazards, call FortisBC at 1-866-4-FORTIS (436-7847). For more information, visit us online at www.fortisbc.com.

WORK SAFE BC

WORKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) is dedicated to promoting workplace health and safety for BC's workers and employers. Officers consult with and educate employers and workers, and monitor compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. For more information, please visit WorkSafeBC.com.



Terasen Inc. has strict safety policies in effect and have adopted guiding principles that ensure employee safety, the safe and efficient use of natural gas, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. For gas emergencies (24 hrs) call: 1-800-663-9911. For more information, visit www.terasen.com/Inc/Default.htm.



BC One call is a non-profit organization formed in 1994 to receive requests for the identification of underground infrastructure in the Province of BC and to notify registered members of excavation activity in the vicinity of their buried facilities. Their key safety message is "Call before you dig!" The toll free number is 1-800-474-6886. For general information, call (604) 257-1900. Email info@bconecall.bc.ca, or visit www.bconecall.bc.ca.



Shaw delivers high-quality cable, satellite and telecommunications services and products to approximately 3.0 million customers in Canada. Due to their infrastructure and its proximity to public spaces, safety is a top priority. For information visit www.shaw.ca/en-ca.

Municipalities

We are also very proud to be working with the following municipalities in our service area on the Cooperative Safety Program: **Castlegar, Grand Forks, Kelowna, Nelson, Penticton, Princeton, Summerland** and **Trail**. FortisBC appreciates their involvement and support in helping reduce potential risks and accidents.

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ENERGY STAR-labeled refrigerators use approximately 15% less energy than the federal standard and 40% less energy than conventional models sold in 2001.

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ENERGY STAR-labeled dishwashers use less hot water than standard models and reduce overall energy use by up to half.

Clothes Washers

ENERGY STAR-labeled clothes washers use approximately 30-50% less water than standard models and reduce overall energy use by up to half. For more ways to save, see Cold is gold when it comes to savings!



Cold is gold when it comes to savings!

Eighty to 90% of the energy used in doing laundry is used to heat water. Washing in cold water can save energy and money, up to \$50 per year if you are washing with warm water and rinsing in cold. Cold water washing will also help your clothes stay brighter and last longer too. To avoid detergent streaks, dissolve

detergent granules before adding clothes, or use liquid detergent.

The Canadian Energy Efficiency Association has launched a "Switch to Cold" campaign encouraging Canadians to wash their clothes in cold water. Call 1-800-218-8501 or visit www.switchtocold.com for more information.

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Safety Partners *continued*

Safety Associations/Authorities

The **British Columbia Safety Authority (BCSA)** is an independent, not-for-profit corporation whose objective is to implement safety systems and programs, including education, so that public interests in safety are not compromised. For more information, call toll free 1-866-566-SAFE (7233), email info@safetyauthority.ca, or visit www.safetyauthority.ca.

The **Construction Safety Association of British Columbia (CSABC)** is a non-profit organization that is owned and operated by the construction industry of British Columbia. Its goal is to reduce the number and duration of workplace injuries and to lower contractor costs. For more information, call (604) 241-7667, email grantmcmillan@shaw.ca, or visit www.csabc.ca

Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association (FARSHA) is committed to creating a safer work environment for BC's agricultural industry. FARSHA has strategically located Regional Safety Coordinators throughout the province to provide ongoing safety courses, safety materials and helpful advice. For more information, call toll free 1-877-533-1789, email farmsafe@farsha.bc.ca, or visit www.farsha.bc.ca.

For more information

If you are interested in saving money by saving energy, contact your local FortisBC PowerSense representative...

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