

New Training Video Focuses on Violence Against Women in Industry

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Be More than a Bystander video trailer – courtesy Government of BC

Prince George, B.C.- A new training video has been launched in an effort to end violence against women in the resource industry. It is part of the “Be More than a Bystander” education and awareness campaign.

The full video is half an hour long, and will help new workers in the resource sector identify risks and respond appropriately to violence against women, learn about respect for each other to foster safe and healthy workplaces and raise awareness that the effects of violence against women are not limited to the home.

“Close to 70% of Canadians tell researchers they know a woman who has been abused or assaulted yet very few people know what to say or what to do should abuse or violence appear in their midst” says Tracy Porteous, executive director, Ending Violence Association of B.C. She says the training video will expand the message to thousands more people.

Addressing the effects of violence against women in the workforce is said to increase productivity because it creates healthier and safer workers and workplaces and reduces absenteeism.

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 12:00 PM by JGalt with a score of 10

Something to counter-act popular movies like Quentin Tarantino's "Hateful Eight" where the movie's only female character appears in the opening scene with a black eye and then proceeds to get her nose busted up by a Kurt Russell elbow to her face.

Good luck with that... had to talk to my teenager about how women were treated with courtesy, respect, and dignity in the 1800's.

Then there is the ultimate form of violence against women in today's society, which is when they go murdered or missing, according to MP Bob Zimmer all they needed was a job... hey wait a minute... what is the subject of this article anyway?

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 5:15 PM by Arnold Schwarzenegger with a score of -5

Need I remind you what happened to the other 7 in that movie? I don't think she was treated differently from anyone else.

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 12:43 PM by gwf with a score of -8

Don't get this wrong violence against women or any individual is not on.

In the workplace or in life, and lots of men also are treated violently in the work place they (We) expected to deal with it ourselves , you NEVER hear it mentioned . Most deal with it by standing up one of two ways and i don't think i have to explain those or changing jobs... I guess we won't have to produce a Video to to get that across ... I hope.

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 1:03 PM by oldcoot with a score of 19

Watched the trailer , will watch the whole video later. There is no room in the workplace for harassment or violence, against men or women. As older workers we should do everything we can to make new workers feel comfortable. It makes for a safer workplace.

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 1:53 PM by seamutt with a score of -3

In my 6 decades of working I have observed it women who are the most vile, vindictive and violent against each other. Oh oh guess that wasn't PC.

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 2:06 PM by detoe44 with a score of 0

There is a very good article written by Douglas Todd in yesterday's Vancouver Sun. It discusses what a larger portion of the civilized world has known for decades, but Canadians are loathe to talk about. That women are responsible for as much domestic violence as men. Canadians love to see themselves as more liberal & progressive than other countries, yet we shy away from some of the harsher realities of our society. We tend to jump whole heartedly on the PC bandwagon & any dissenting voice or opinion is roundly condemned, no matter how reasonable or well researched said opinion or view point is. Until our society comes to grip that the use of violence to settle disputes is wrong & that violence is not gender specific, we will never fully solve this dilemma.

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 8:10 PM by gopg2015 with a score of 4

This article is about violence against women in the workplace. You are introducing domestic violence.

They have violence in common. But they become separate topics because the causes and prevention are different.

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 7:43 PM by Hart Guy with a score of 1

detoe44, this article references studies done by UBC psychology professor Don Dutton. Much of the information that he puts forth virtually mirrors the results of a study that was done in Alberta in the mid-1990's.

Dutton states that by the 1990s, he realized many husbands were telling the truth when they said, "My wife is violent, too."

While Dutton further states that up to 75 per cent of victimized women were also aggressors, I believe that the Alberta study quoted 73 per cent. Very similar information, 20 years apart!

The Alberta study was not well received by the various Alberta's Women's Resource Centres, organizations etc who soundly criticized the results of the study. After all, it failed to support their "agenda"!

In the face of such vocal opposition, the study basically found it's way to a shelf somewhere!

I've been on record on this site as being opposed to violence, in any and all forms. Studies such as Dutton's need to be included in any discussion on domestic violence in order to ensure that innocent parties remain innocent!

Several years ago, a friend of mine who was/is a member of the RCMP stated that when it comes to the issue of reporting domestic violence, it usually comes down to "be first and be convincing"!

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 11:44 PM by Krusty with a score of 3

You and I don't usually agree on what colour the sky is but in this case, you are bang on. I've worked with victims of violence, with the men's movement (such as it is in this country) and with the RCMP and your comment is accurate. I, too, deplore violence in the home or in the workplace, and am getting sick of it in organized sports as well. No one advocates for violence against women, children, and the elderly, yet many will turn a blind eye to violence between men or even cheer it on. Violence against women will never stop until our society speaks out against all violence, including violent sports and other acts of violence between men. Our schools and parents also need to do a much better job of dealing with bullying.

Anything that addresses the problem, including this video, is a step in the right direction.

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Posted on Monday, April 18, 2016 @ 12:23 AM by gopg2015 with a score of 0

"No one advocates for violence against women, children, and the elderly..."

Except maybe Trump.....

I think you may have meant to write "advocates against violence against women"

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 7:58 PM by Hart Guy with a score of -6

For those that might want to read the article mentioned by Detoe44, the following is a link to the Douglas Todd article

Douglas Todd: Controversy ensues when science butts heads with liberal ideology

ht [tp://vancouversun.com/opinion/columnists/douglas-todd-controversy-ensues-when-science-butts-heads-with-liberal-ideology](http://vancouversun.com/opinion/columnists/douglas-todd-controversy-ensues-when-science-butts-heads-with-liberal-ideology)

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Posted on Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 8:27 PM by gopg2015 with a score of 1

Comments are digressing from workplace violence which is different than domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Defined

- Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive behavior, including acts or threatened acts, that is used by a perpetrator to gain power and control over a current or former spouse, family member, intimate partner, or person with whom the perpetrator shares a child in common.
- It occurs in heterosexual and same-sex relationships and impacts individuals from all economic, educational, cultural, age, gender, racial, and religious demographics.
- Domestic violence includes, but is not limited to physical or sexual violence, emotional and/or psychological intimidation, verbal abuse, stalking, economic control, harassment, physical intimidation, or injury.

Based on OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration) Workplace violence is any act or threat of physical violence, harassment, intimidation, or other threatening disruptive behavior that occurs at the work site. It ranges from threats and verbal abuse to physical assaults and even homicide. It can affect and involve employees, clients, customers and visitors.

Based on WorkSafeBC the definition of violence in the workplace is: "the attempted or actual exercise by a person, other than a worker, of any physical force so as to cause injury to a worker, and includes any threatening statement or behaviour which gives a worker reasonable cause to believe that he or she is at risk of injury.

An interesting perspective by WorkSafeBC which appears to not recognize violence in the workplace of one worker against another.

There is violence in the workplace both against men as well as against women and the perpetrator can be wither male of female.

However, the most common violence in the workplace against females by males.

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