



Exploring a career in...

## Occupational Health and Safety

Occupational health and safety advisors review, evaluate, and monitor health and safety hazards and develop strategies to prevent, control, and eliminate accidents and occupational injuries. They inspect the workplace environments, equipment, and practices to ensure compliance with organization and government health and safety standards and regulations. They are employed throughout the public and private sectors.



### Skills

Key skills for success in this position include:

- Training
- Auditing
- Creating processes
- Problem solving
- Safety by design
- Evaluation
- Monitoring
- Inspection
- Continual Improvement
- Strategic development



### Qualifications

A wide variety of degrees that highlight professional capability are relevant to this position, such as:

- A bachelor's degree or college diploma in a discipline such as science, environmental studies, chemistry or health and safety is usually required.
- Several years of related work experience and the completion of specific training courses may substitute for formal education.
- Certification with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.
- Certification with the Association for Canadian Registered Safety Professionals.



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## Spotlight on...



### Perry Harvey

CRSP

Occupational Health & Safety Advisor,  
Broadway Subway Project

Perry is passionate about Health and Safety, and brings with him a wide range of career experience in farming, concrete placing and finishing, electronics technology, and security. A workplace injury led to an unexpected career pivot and the opportunity to retrain. Preventing injuries and accidents became a career focus, and is now an area of deep expertise after 15 years in this chosen field. Perry has worked throughout the Lower Mainland on various projects, guiding teams in a safe and collaborative manner.

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Perry has worked on various projects around the Lower Mainland, giving him an in-depth understanding of Worksafe BC requirements. Notable local projects he has contributed to include the Marine Gateway Development, Brentwood Town Center Redevelopment, multiple projects with BC Hydro, and Kinder Morgan (various electrical infrastructure additions and upgrades).



The Port Mann Water Tunnel and Ruskin Dam are key career highlights for Perry due to the size, complexity, and the inherent high risk. A collaborative multidisciplinary team approach was required to be able to execute projects of this magnitude. Perry was instrumental in cultivating a safe work culture on these sites.



The part of his job he values the most is fostering change and creating and evolving a safety culture to make sure that everyone is able to go home after work without occupational injuries or illnesses.



Perry completed the two year Occupational Health and Safety Diploma Program at BCIT with Distinction. He also completed additional health and safety courses and training through BC Construction Safety Alliance to achieve the Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) designation.



Perry's advice for those seeking careers in safety would be to contact experienced safety professionals and ask them questions about what they find rewarding and challenging about the career.



"My personal focus throughout my career has been to educate, train, and mentor people so they can follow all the safety requirements to keep them safe."



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