

*Research Centres and the Publicly
Engaged University:
Lessons from the
SafetyNet Centre for Occupational Health
and Safety Research*

My argument...

- Multi-disciplinary, community-engaged research centres are a critical middle layer in the organizational structure of a 'publicly engaged university'

SafetyNet specializes in:

- ✓ Collaborative, Community-engaged OHS Research
- ✓ Knowledge Transfer and Mobilization
- ✓ Education & Training
- ✓ Capacity Development

for Newfoundland and Labrador and elsewhere

SafetyNet is...

- only university-based interdisciplinary OHS research centre east of Quebec.

Since 2007 it has:

- engaged 47 Memorial faculty in 7 faculties
- partnered with 35 other universities
- supported more than 70 trainees
- engaged many community groups in OHS research and KT

Since 2001 has leveraged provincial government investment in Memorial to...

- a) access > \$10 million in funding
- b) attract and sustain OHS research capacity
- c) access national and international expertise
- d) ensure greater local and national focus on NL's OHS needs and priorities

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The Institute for Work & Health (IWH) is a Canadian leader in work injury and disability prevention research. An independent, not-for-profit organization, IWH conducts and



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WORKPLACE NEEDS**

One of the leading OHS research centres in Canada, the Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail (IRSST) conducts and funds research activities aimed at eliminating risks to worker health and safety and at promoting worker rehabilitation.



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The Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health (CARWH) is a non-profit association of Canadian researchers.

Our Mission: To enhance and promote research on work health, safety, and well being in Canada and to advocate for research on how work and work environments can be altered to improve health, safety, and wellness among Canadians.

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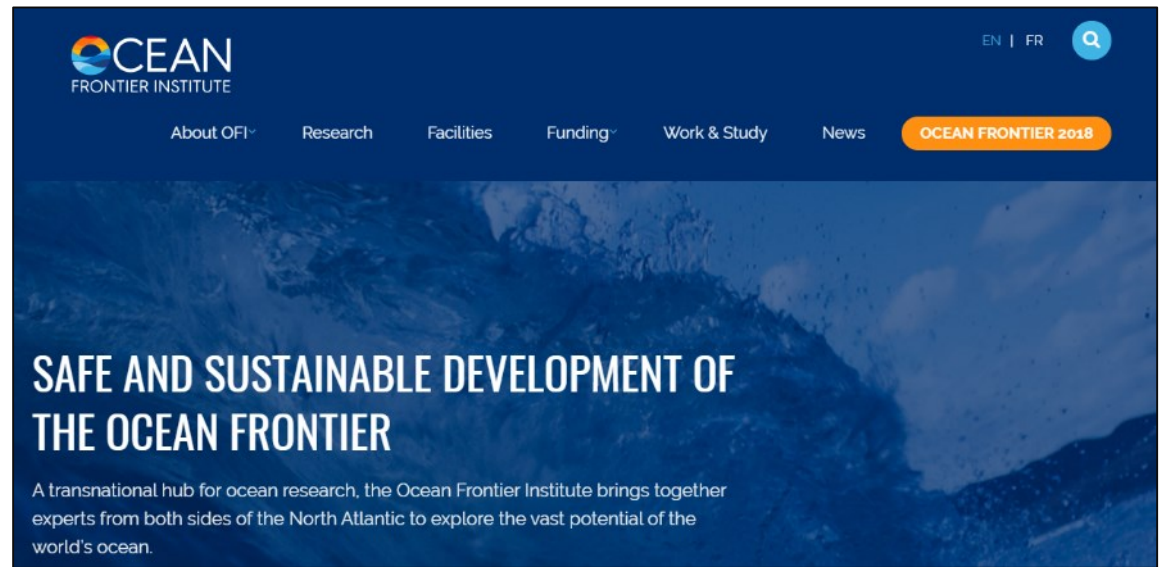
www.shellfishohs.ca/second_wind.htm




Fishing Safety



Aquaculture OHS

A screenshot of the Ocean Frontier Institute website. The header is dark blue with the OCEAN FRONTIER INSTITUTE logo on the left, language options (EN | FR) and a search icon on the right. A navigation bar below the header contains links: About OFI, Research, Facilities, Funding, Work & Study, and News. An orange button labeled "OCEAN FRONTIER 2018" is on the right. The main content area has a dark blue background with a white headline: "SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OCEAN FRONTIER". Below the headline is a paragraph: "A transnational hub for ocean research, the Ocean Frontier Institute brings together experts from both sides of the North Atlantic to explore the vast potential of the world's ocean."

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St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada
June 10–13, 2018
Memorial University Campus

IFISH 5 is the largest gathering of fishing, aquaculture and seafood processing safety and health professionals. It will showcase over sixty hours of presentations, workshops, panels, and activities for you to choose from:

- The latest in occupational safety and health research
- Explorations of current fisheries policy and regulations
- Best practices for keeping workers safe and healthy

Keynote speakers will provide an overview of advances in the field and priorities for the future, highlighting success stories in research, training, and industry collaboration. In the evenings and between events, attendees will have a chance to network with the many organizations and professionals representing over twenty countries and a wide-variety of expertise. [View the conference program >](#)


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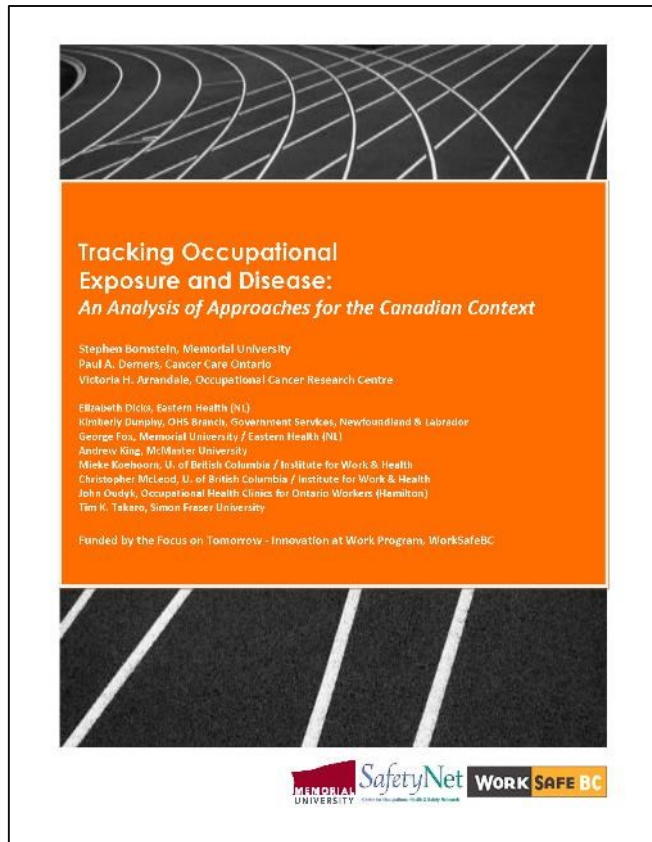
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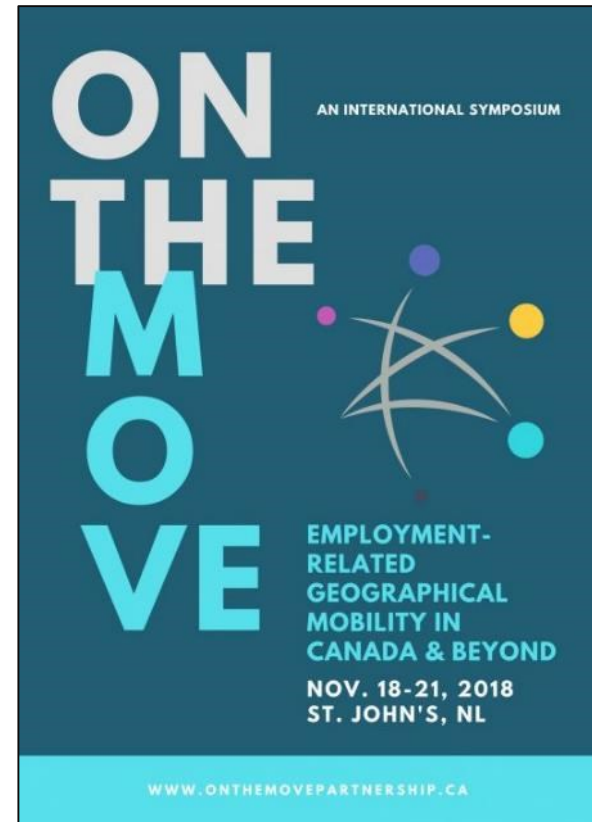
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Synthesizing Occupational Health and Safety Knowledge for Local Stakeholders

Final Report to the Workplace Research and Innovation Program of the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba

OHS, Return to Work and Work-related Mobility in Construction, Mining, Shipping, Trucking, Health care...



Work and disability: using insights on Inclusion to support access to/return to work for people with disabilities

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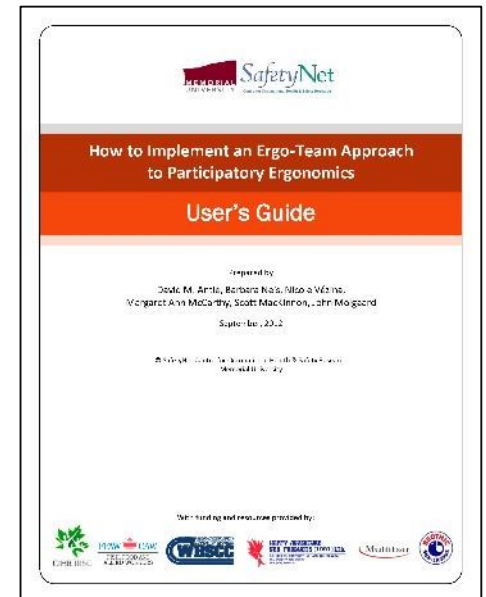


Participatory ergonomics



The **Participatory Ergonomics Toolkit** is a free set of tools designed for use by facilitating ergonomists interested in implementing an Ergo-Team approach to address ergonomic issues in the workplace. The Toolkit assists workplaces in identifying causes, developing strategies, and evaluating changes.

www.participatoryergonomics.mun.ca (March 2013)



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Master of OHS Program (MOHS)

The screenshot shows the Memorial University website page for the Master of Occupational Health and Safety (MOHS) program. The page is titled "BECOME A GRADUATE STUDENT" and features a navigation menu with links to Programs and Courses, Study Part Time, Tuition and Funding, Student Success, Graduate Life, Research, and International Students. The main content area is titled "Occupational Health and Safety" and includes a section "Why Occupational Health and Safety @ Memorial?" which describes the program as an interdisciplinary study of occupational health and safety. A sidebar on the right provides "Program Information" including degrees offered (MOHS), routes (course, capstone, research paper), duration (full time: 1 year, part time: 1-3 years), and campus (St. John's).

mun.ca/become/graduate/programs/OccupationalHealthandSafety(OHS).php

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Occupational Health and Safety

Why Occupational Health and Safety @ Memorial?

The Master of Occupational Health and Safety (MOHS) is an interdisciplinary program providing advanced-level study of multiple aspects of occupational health and safety. The program is the first in the Atlantic region and the fourth in Canada and it is built on the expertise that has been developing at Memorial University over the past decade. The program is a response to clear demand from both within the province and throughout Canada.

Program Information

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MOHS

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Course, capstone
research paper

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Campus:
St. John's

Humanities and Social Sciences
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Since 2001, SafetyNet has...

- played a key role in helping Memorial fulfill its “special obligation to the people of this province,” including its workers, employers, government, and decision makers

SafetyNet's community alliance approach...

- fits **all four of Memorial's PE Framework goals**
- especially Goal 4, requiring Memorial researchers and administrators to 'build, strengthen and sustain the bridges for public engagement.'
- brings OHS research, training, and public engagement under one roof as integrated tools for developing and carrying out problem-solving research and knowledge transfer.
- (www.mun.ca/publicengagement/memorial/Public_Engagement_Framework.pdf)

Publicly-engaged Research Centres are...

critically important mechanisms for:

- multidisciplinary research, training, KM
- sustained/responsive public engagement
- + they are cost effective!

Thank-you!