

April 28th, National Day of Mourning

The National Day of Mourning, held annually on April 28, was officially recognized by the federal government in 1991, eight years after the day of remembrance was launched by the Canadian Labour Congress. The Day of Mourning has since spread to about 80 countries around the world and has been adopted by the AFL-CIO and the International Free Trade Unions.

The numbers are staggering. In 2008, 1,036 workplace deaths were recorded in Canada. This represents over 2 deaths every single day. Another 942,478 were injured or became ill.*

The Canadian flag on Parliament Hill and at services around the country will fly at half-mast. Wherever you find yourself on April 28th, please take a moment to stop, observe a moment of silence and remember our fallen brothers and sisters. Together, let us renew our commitment to each other, to health and safety and to ensuring we all return home safe and healthy at the end of the work day.

*Source: CCOHS (2009).

Learn more about the National Day of Mourning on the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) web site <http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/>.



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