

# NEWS LEADER



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## READY TO GO

Available on short notice, Leader Industries' high angle and confined space rescue teams primarily consist of specially trained and experienced, off-duty firefighters and paramedics from your local area. They provide quick and safe extraction and immediate medical care for workers who become ill or injured while working in a confined space environment.



## SEASONS GREETINGS

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

## HEALTHY LIVING

The H1N1 pandemic is causing as much concern in the workplace as it is on the home front. Help protect yourself, your family and your coworkers against the virus with frequent hand washing using soap and warm water and be sure to sneeze into the elbow of your sleeve.



>> Contact us with your questions, concerns or for more information.

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## ANNUAL CHECK UP

Leader Industries has just wrapped up working with TransCanada Energy, Alstom and GE on the one-year maintenance, service and inspection of the Portlands Energy Centre (PEC) in Toronto.

For the past few months, the plant has been on scheduled shut down while crews of 40+ workers clean, repair and maintain the facility that started generating electricity in June of 2008.



*"We provided confined space and high angle rescue professionals to the contractors and personnel on site. We monitored air quality, coordinated entry and exit plans as well as being on hand in case of emergency." - Russ Roy, Leader Industries*

PEC is capable of generating 550 megawatts of electric power from two state-of-the-art natural gas fired generators and one steam generator, which is enough electricity to power about 500,000 homes or more than 25% of the electric power supplied to the city.

*"High angle and confined space rescue is the epitome of teamwork. We draw on each other's experience and extensive training to develop a simple and effective plan that ensures we're able to get people out safely and quickly if an incident should occur." - Dave, Leader Confined Space Rescue Team*

Leader is proud to announce that in the 33,600+ man-hours on the project there was no lost time and zero absenteeism due to on the job incidents.

## MOL SAFETY BLITZ

Inspectors are currently looking for fall-from-height hazards involving platforms, raised floors, mezzanines and ladders. They are checking fall-arrest equipment, guardrails and are on the lookout for dangerous practices such as working on storage racks. Violations can result in \$500,000 fines for corporations and \$25,000 for individuals or 12 months imprisonment, or both.

**About 1/5 of industrial workplace injuries are caused by slips, trips and falls.  
About 1/4 of industrial workplace fatalities is the result of a fall.**

In 2008, the average cost (direct and indirect) to employers of a lost-time workplace injury was \$120,500. From April 2004 to March 2008, declining rates of lost-time workplace injuries saved employers more than \$5 billion in costs as over 50,000 incidents were avoided.

## ARE YOU BEING AUDITED BY WSIB?

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