

National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace

How can the Standard help your organization succeed?

What is the Standard?

A free, highly credible framework for creating and sustaining a psychologically healthy and safe workplace.

Features:

- Based on best practice and joint responsibility
- Focuses on *reducing the risk* of psychological harm and promoting psychological health *for all employees*
- Outlines an integrated system for managing work in a psychologically healthy and safe way
- Includes guidance, tools and resources for staged implementation
- Applicable to any size and type of organization

Commitment, Leadership and Participation Management Review Planning Evaluation and Corrective Action Implementation

Get Started:

"Companies with a positive return have <u>already started implementing</u> elements of the Standard"

- The ROI in workplace mental health programs: Good for people, good for business, Deloitte, 2019

Elements for successful implementation:

- Secure a champion
- Gain leadership support
- Develop a policy
- Take stock of what's already in place
- Establish a baseline and objectives
- Equip front-line supervisors
- Engage employees
- Develop a multi-year plan

Ouestions?

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The Standard and access other free resources: csa.ca/z1003

Assembling the Pieces: An Implementation Guide to the Standard mentalhealthcommission.ca/implementing-standard

Benefits of a Psychologically Healthy and Safe Workplace include:

Reduced:

- Absenteeism
- Presenteeism
- Errors
- Injuries/illnesses
- Disability claims
- Workplace conflict
- Turnovor
- Legal implications

Improved:

- Working environment
- Working relationships
- Employee engagement
- Productivity and quality
- Customer service
- Talent attraction and retention
- Public perception



Being a Mindful Employee: Balance

What can you do?

Engage in open communication with your supervisor, family and friends to help manage the balance between work and personal demands.





Being a Mindful Employee: Civility & Respect

What can you do?



Show esteem, care and consideration.

Respect the perspective of others.

Acknowledge each person's dignity.



Being a Mindful Employee: Clear Leadership & Expectations

What can you do?

Ensure you understand what is being asked of you by maintaining good two-way communication.

Strive to clarify any issues that arise.





Being a Mindful Employee: Engagement

What can you do?

Make a reasonable effort to get involved in events or activities taking place in your workplace.

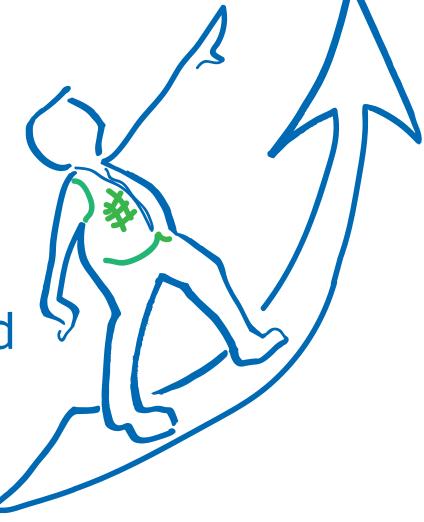




Being a Mindful Employee: Growth and Development

What can you do?

Be proactive and seek out opportunities to improve your skills and competence.





Being a Mindful Employee: Involvement and Influence

What can you do?

Share your opinion when asked.

Offer alternatives and solutions in a way that respects the ideas and opinions of others.





Being a Mindful Employee: Organizational Culture

What can you do?



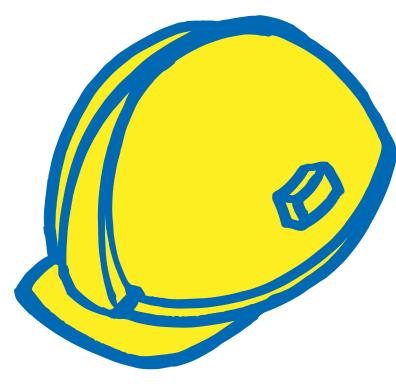
Try to be understanding of co-workers' concerns.

Consider how your behaviour could impact the psychological health and safety of your colleagues.



Being a Mindful Employee: Protection of Physical Safety

What can you do?



Ensure that management is made aware of any hazards.



Being a Mindful Employee: Psychological and Social Support

What can you do?

If you notice someone is struggling, take time to approach them.





Being a Mindful Employee: Psychological Demands

What can you do?

Make a list of demands that may require additional support and discuss with your supervisor.

Seek out guidance from someone who has learned to manage similar demands.





Being a Mindful Employee: Psychological Protection

What can you do?





Speak up when you witness violent, aggressive, or inappropriate behaviours or actions.



Being a Mindful Employee: Recognition and Reward

What can you do?



Take the time to recognize and appreciate others for their efforts and contributions.



Being a Mindful Employee: Workload Management

What can you do?

Create a workplace plan and discuss with your manager or supervisor.

