



# HEALTH AND SAFETY COORDINATOR

**MINING TODAY IS AN INDUSTRY WHERE SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT** DO YOU LIKE PEOPLE AND ENJOY PROMOTING, MAINTAINING AND IMPLEMENTING HEALTH SAFETY RELATED PROGRAMS?

Would you enjoy training and motivating employees to take care of themselves and others on the job? Does being a leader in safety interest you? Health and safety may be a career where you thrive.

## JOB DESCRIPTION

- **Health and Safety Coordinators** are part of an operations team
- They are responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring health and safety guidelines. They work to ensure that all employees know, understand and follow safety rules and procedures.
- **Health and Safety Coordinators provide:**
  - emergency response training – mine rescue, first aid, firefighting (surface)
  - fall arrest/confined space entry training
  - industrial hygiene (measuring gases, dust etc.)
  - safety walkabouts – inspections/audits
  - presentations to management, crews etc.

## COMPENSATION

2007 SAFETY AND FIRST AID COORDINATOR

Average Annual Salary: **\$74,000**

## WHY ARE PEOPLE ATTRACTED TO THIS CAREER?

- The opportunity to **work anywhere in Canada (or the world)**. (Relocation allowances are generally provided.)
- **Financial rewards** for high achievers.
- Opportunities for training and **career advancement and continuous learning**
- The chance to **enhance employee productivity** through promotion of a safe and healthy workplace

## LIFESTYLE EXPECTATIONS

[WITH SOME POSITIONS IN SOME COMPANIES]

- **READY TO WORK SHIFTS**
- **IF MINE IS IN REMOTE LOCATION:**
  - i) Time away from family for extended periods
  - ii) Live with work colleagues on a 24/7 basis for 2-3 weeks at a time, with 2-3 weeks off between work schedules
- **MINE MAY BE IN A RURAL COMMUNITY, WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS, HUNTING, FISHING, HIKING AND SO FORTH**

# PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

SOMEONE GOING INTO THIS LINE OF WORK SHOULD:

- i) Be attentive to detail-make sure you've covered off all the points
- ii) Be a team player and communicate well with others and also be able to work independently
- iii) Have tact and diplomacy
- iv) Enjoy working with people from different cultures
- v) Depending on the mine, be capable of working in challenging physical environments (especially enclosed and confined spaces if in underground mining)
- vi) Be hands-on, methodical and able to recognize and account for risk in managing tasks
- vii) Respect and follow regulations and procedures (especially with hazardous materials, equipment)
- viii) Have a high level of respect for established safety procedures and regulations
- ix) Accept challenges (such as a variety of working conditions, some severe) with patience, flexibility, adaptability, and fortitude
- x) Embrace new techniques and technologies
- xi) Be a strong leader and good teacher
- xii) Be organized
- xiii) Be physically fit and mobile

## CAREER PROGRESSION OPTIONS: HEALTH AND SAFETY COORDINATOR

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### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- University degree or certification from a College or Technical School
- Five to 10 years of related experience or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Mining Technology Diploma and/or a designation as a Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP).
- Apprenticeship training up to two years may be required, as determined by the province/territory of employment.
- Specialized on-site training as needed

