

As we come to the close of another week of working with the changes COVID 19 pandemic has created we recognize the challenges that many of you have had to face as we adapt to the new reality.

The majority of our members are working from home, which can have its' own challenges. This can be a stressful and confusing time as you take on this new way of getting your work done, having your children home from school and other challenges.

For those members whom are deemed essential, we know that measures have been taken to address your safety in the workplace. Your Union has been there since the first days of the pandemic, advocating for safety and raising concerns and objections with the employer. We continue to do so today.

We are currently short staffed with just one Rep. But she continues to be there helping our members through issues related to the pandemic as well as other issues.

If you have concerns about your safety on the job, the right to refuse unsafe work is a part of Saskatchewan law. The only person able to make this refusal, according to law, is the person who is assigned the duty. While the Union can raise the issues (and we do), the law requires the employee assigned the work to raise their refusal while explaining what they determine about the assignment to be unsafe. That employee's refusal is the only way of causing an investigation into the duties assigned. There is a process, under the law, that must be followed.

We raise all of the concerns brought to us but we also realize when the government declares a service is required then those providing the services must either comply or raise their individual concerns about the safety of the service when it is assigned. That is not your Union agreeing with the employer, it is the Union showing you what must be done, by law, if you feel your assignment or any part of it, is unsafe.

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