



Press Release

The United Association of Journeyman & Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada Say Safety First

UA Canada Partners with Rob Ellis and MySafeWork

Ottawa, ON, November 20, 2008: To help promote the importance of safety in the construction industry, UA Canada has partnered with MySafeWork.com. A non-profit organization founded by Rob Ellis after losing his son David in 1999 to a workplace accident. Through public speaking at high schools and working with government and the business Rob continues to bring the safety message home to those who need to hear it. Rob says in his presentations: "It takes a lot of guts to ask questions to a new boss. I know it does, I've been there. If you don't have enough backbone to do that, can I just ask you one thing... will you think of Dave? Just for one second, will you think of Dave?"

The partnership between UA Canada and MySafeWork.com is an easy fit. It is no secret that accidents take a tremendous toll on Companies, on Workers and their Families. It's also no secret that being "safe" doesn't just happen; it takes training. That's where the United Association takes the lead. UA members are better trained not only in the performance of their jobs but being safe while performing those jobs. "Protection for our workers, the general public, and those served by the industry is front and center of everything we do," says Larry Slaney, UA International Training Representative.

The UA's commitment to build, install and maintain systems and structures that are reliable and secure means keeping procedures up to date with the latest technology, accident prevention methods and industry best practices. The UA has taken a lead position by developing several programs that support continuous, "lifelong" learning and skills upgrading through access to:

- a) State-of-the-art union hall training facilities and equipment,
- b) Certification programs, that allows our professionals to evolve with new technology and safety standards.
- c) Mentoring, pooling of resources and sharing of best practices.

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