

Job Description: Pandemic Recovery Advisor

What we do:

SafeCare BC is the health and safety association for BC's 29,000 continuing care workers. Our members work in long-term care and home and community care. Continuing care workers have some of the highest workplace injury rates compared to all occupations in BC. Workplace injuries can have a devastating impact on one's life, both professionally and personally, and reduce the quality and consistency of care. That's why we bring the sector together to collaborate and share best practices. Collectively, we can make the continuing care sector a safer place to work.

Position summary:

The Pandemic Recovery Advisor is responsible for transitioning SafeCare BC's pandemic response into a longer-term recovery strategy. This will include engaging with SafeCare BC's stakeholders and members to establish upcoming opportunities and changes for the care sector in the wake of COVID-19 and developing resources and support for long-term care and home care organizations to adapt to future challenges. Key areas will include infection prevention and control practices, crisis response, emergency preparedness, and ongoing immunization. Some government relations background is preferred.

What you will do:

- Monitors and analyzes emerging workplace safety issues in the continuing care sector related to the pandemic, including their intersection with public policy, legislation, regulation, and occupational health and safety
- Identifies priority pandemic recovery, emergency preparedness, and pandemic-related workplace safety issues for action; makes timely, evidence-based recommendations to the SafeCare BC management team on strategies to address this
- Identifies audiences, including key decision makers and stakeholders, and supports the CEO to collaborate with government and sector partners to ensure the care sector's pandemic recovery focuses on supporting health and safety and promoting ongoing emergency preparedness and crisis management best practice
- Supports the management of ongoing critical pandemic-related and other emergency management issues as they arise in the continuing care sector
- Coordinates and/or leads meetings/briefings with key stakeholders on pandemic-related issues, including developing briefing notes, pre- and post-meeting strategy sessions, debriefs with participating executives and drafts summaries for internal use
- Supports the development of SafeCare BC's emerging vaccine education and training program, including managing the project team and liaising with the Public Health Agency of Canada on funding and project progress
- Positively represents SafeCare BC
- Other duties, as required

What you will bring:

- Bachelor's or university degree, ideally in related field
- Excellent writing skills
- Previous experience of the healthcare sector is preferred
- Understanding of occupational health and safety and/or emergency preparedness
- Solid understanding and/or experience working with provincial or federal governments, or in a government relations environment
- Experience analyzing and presenting complex issues and opportunities to senior leaders

- Excellent project management, communications, and interpersonal skills
- Ability to prioritize and work under tight deadlines on multiple initiatives

What we will bring:

- Meaningful work that drives positive change for care workers around the province
- Flexible work arrangements for maintaining work/life balance
- A great team atmosphere and contemporary work environment

Applications:

Interested applicants are asked to send their resume and cover letter to Saleema Dhalla, CEO, at saleema@safecarebc.ca by May 30. In your cover letter, please share how you can contribute to the pandemic recovery response at SafeCare BC.

Start Date:

TBD

Additional Information:

The position will be open until filled. Interested candidates should apply as soon as possible.

Thank you for your interest in the position at SafeCare BC. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

The Provincial Health Officer has mandated that anyone entering a care home in British Columbia be fully vaccinated effective November 15th 2021. There will be times that members of the SafeCare BC team will be expected to visit care homes to engage in activities that support our members. Vaccination with a COVID-19 vaccination series approved by Health Canada is a condition of employment at SafeCare BC.