



# Calling All Safety Educators!

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What a great convention. The spirit of unity and solidarity was amazing. It was great to see the acknowledgment of President Emeritus Tom Short's crucial role in turning the IATSE away from the rocks and on to a new course, and the feeling of promise and anticipation of things to come from the leadership of President Matt Loeb.



This was my first convention as the Chairman of the IATSE Safety Committee and I found my time filled with talking to sisters and brothers from all over the continent about the direction of the Safety Committee, and safety and training issues.

People, for the most part, like the work of the committee, and there seems to be a wide spread theme that our members need and want better training to protect themselves and those around them in their workplaces. Locals are spending money on facilities, developing programs, and searching for content. Conversations included: What kinds of training are available? How do you fund training? What is the difference between a certificate and a certification? What should a safety committee be doing?

Out of all of these conversations came the feeling that one direction the Safety Committee could take would be to help identify what resources are available that locals can share and take advantage of.

The start of the process was to collect information about what is out there. I began collecting business cards from brothers and sisters from all over. Some had information about the programs they have at their locals. Others were the Chairs of their safety committees. Many cards were from people who are interested in how to provide safety, education, and training in their part of the world.

As I gather the cards I find I need more information to put together a more comprehensive picture. So I have a task I would like to ask the membership to help me with. If you are aware of programs, classes, seminars, committees, training, or knowledgeable individuals in your locals, please send me an email ([safety@iatselocal80.org](mailto:safety@iatselocal80.org)) and tell me about them. These can include programs your local does alone or in a partnership with others. Include classes utilized from a vendor, an employer, an adult education facility, or local college. What resources do you use to educate and train your membership? In your email include descriptions of the resources, contact information, links to Websites, samples of materials, or anything else you think is important. The Safety Committee can gather this information and then make it available to those interested.

