

Housekeeping

Professional Today



Upcoming Events

3rd CHHA Lunch & Learn
Speaker TBD

May 15th, 2024

@12:00PM - Zoom

**CHHA 11th Annual
Conference & Trade Show
June 4-6, 2024**

CHHA Lunch & Learn

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new monthly webinar series, "Lunch and Learn," as part of our ongoing commitment to bringing professionals together and elevating the Healthcare Housekeeping and Environmental Services profession in Canada.

The Lunch and Learn webinars will feature a diverse array of industry experts from across the country, who will share their insights, experiences, and best practices on a wide range of topics relevant to our field. These interactive sessions will provide a platform for learning, networking, and engaging in meaningful discussions with your peers.

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By participating in these webinars, you will have the opportunity to:

- Stay up-to-date on the latest trends, innovations, and challenges in Healthcare Housekeeping and Environmental Services
- Learn from the experiences of industry leaders and experts
- Engage in Q&A sessions and discussions with speakers and fellow attendees
- Earn continuing education credits for your professional development
- Connect with professionals from across Canada and expand your network

At the CHHA, we believe that by coming together as a community and sharing our knowledge and expertise, we can collectively raise the bar for our profession and make a positive impact on the healthcare industry.

The Lunch and Learn webinars are an important step in this direction, and we encourage all our members to actively participate and contribute to these sessions.

We look forward to your participation and to the exciting discussions and learning opportunities that lie ahead.



Lunch & Learn 1st Session - Joe V. - Lint Check

Anatomy of a Dryer Fire

Questions and Answers from the session:

Can you provide an overview of the common causes of dryer fires in long-term care and healthcare facilities?

Overview of common causes of dryer fires in long-term care and healthcare facilities may include:

- Accumulation of lint in dryer and dryer vents systems.
- Overheating due to lack of maintenance or malfunctioning components.
- Restricted airflow caused by blockages or improper installation.
- Ignition of flammable materials left in pockets of laundry items.
- Electrical malfunctions.

What are the best practices Lint Check recommends for healthcare facilities to routinely inspect and maintain their laundry equipment to prevent dryer fires?

Best practices for routine inspection and maintenance may include:

- Regular scheduled cleaning of lint traps
- Scheduled lint remediation (fire hazard prevention) for the dryers and dryer vent systems
- Inspecting dryer vents and ducts for blockages or damage.
- Ensuring proper installation and ventilation of dryers.
- Checking for wear and tear on components like belts and heating elements.
- Training staff on safe operation and maintenance procedures.



2024

CHHA'S 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

"IF WE COULD TURN BACK TIME"

JUNE 4TH TO 6TH, 2024 | KINGSTON, ON



Deadline to Register for CHHA 11th Annual Conference & Trade Show If We Could Turn Back Time Is Running Out!

The Canadian Healthcare Housekeepers' Association, A Division of ISSA, 11th Annual Conference and Trade Show will be in Kingston! June 4th – 6th, 2024, at Queen's University.

Join us and learn about the latest innovations in cleaning, equipment and products plus flooring, linens, waste/recycle containers, biomedical waste products, and services from our industry experts.

Join us for engaging Educational Sessions:

Ergonomics in the Workplace - Ministry of Labour

Construction & Renovations in Healthcare - Jim Gauthier, MLT, CIC

IPAC + EVS Collaborating when faced with EVS Budget restraints - Mark Heller

Onboarding - Make an Impact - Kyle McLaughlin, Etobicoke General Hospital

Reducing Climate Impact of Hospital Facilities Through Innovative Waste Management Practises - Taylor Maris, P. Eng, Daniels

Transform to a Culture of High - Performance - Paul Zwicker, Senior Partner Zwicker & Associates

Responsible Laundry Process-Helping to Prevent Dryer Fires - Joe Vaccaralla, Lintcheck

Choosing the Right Floor - Ann Marie Hearn, Forbo Flooring and Chris Johnson, Altro Canada

What ACTUALLY matters when choosing a disinfectant - Mark Ambler, Diversey-A Solenis Company

Various packages are available to accommodate your schedule:

All-inclusive Package A - Two nights / 6 meals / all sessions and activities
(Tuesday, June 4th - Thursday June 6th, 2024)

Two - Day Package B - Sessions/Trade Show/Lunch (Wednesday/Thursday, June 5-6, 2024, only)

One - Day Package C - Sessions/Trade Show and Lunch (Wednesday, June 5, 2024, only)

One - Day Package D – Trade Show/Lunch (Wednesday, June 5, 2024, only – 9:30 am - 1:30 pm)

NEW This Year-Freshman Fee -Freshman has never attended a past OHHA/CHHA Conference or Trade Show. \$800.00 plus HST, includes accommodation for two nights, six meals, all sessions, all events, and all networking activities, and a Free one-year Membership with CHHA.

For more information go to <https://healthcarehousekeeper.org/2024-conference/>
Or contact executivedirector@healthcarehousekeeper.org

Past CHHA Award Winner



Fred Friedberg from AMG Medical presenting Sue Potvin of Timmins and District Hospital with her Award of Excellence



From left to right - Dawn Laurie, EVS Supervisor, Rachelle Peacock, Dir. Food and EVS, Grace Tusalem, Award Recipient and Jonathan Woudenberg, EVS Supervisor Guelph General Hospital



Tara Smith from Bridgewater Health, NS, receiving her CHHA Award of Excellence

Lunch & Learn 1st Session - Joe V. - Lint Check (cont.)

Anatomy of a Dryer Fire

Questions and Answers from the session:

How does Lint Check's service or product specifically address the unique safety needs of long-term care and healthcare facilities in preventing dryer fires?

Lint Check's service or product may address the unique safety needs of healthcare facilities by:

- Providing fire hazard prevention services for the dryer & dryer vent systems.
- Offering comprehensive inspection and maintenance plans tailored to healthcare settings.
- Implementing a monitoring system to detect potential issues early.
- Offering training and support specifically geared towards healthcare staff.

Could you share case studies or examples where Lint Check's solutions have effectively prevented dryer fires in healthcare settings?

Examples of how Lint Check's solutions have prevented dryer fires could include:

- Dryers are operating at normal operating temperatures reported by healthcare facilities after implementing Lint Check's services.
- Testimonials or case studies from healthcare facilities highlighting successful prevention measures, cost reduction, and reduction on the environmental impact created by laundry processing

SIGNS OF DRYER INEFFICIENCIES:

- Inefficiencies in drying cycles
- Overheating of the dryer
- Excessive static from equipment and laundry



IP and EVS: We are in this Together!

This presentation delved into the crucial partnership between Environmental Services (EVS) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in healthcare settings.

Jim emphasized the critical role EVS plays in preventing infections by cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, including floors, high-touch surfaces, and managing waste. He also highlighted the responsibilities of IPC professionals in preventing and controlling the spread of infections through education, auditing practices, evaluating products, and reviewing procedures.

One of the key takeaways from the presentation was the complexity of healthcare-associated infections. Jim explained that environmental disinfection is just one piece of the puzzle, alongside factors such as hand hygiene, antibiotic stewardship, and clinical practices. He also discussed the various issues that can affect proper disinfection, such as surface cleanliness and characteristics, product concentration and contact time, and compatibility with cleaning tools and cloths.

Throughout the presentation, Jim stressed the importance of a collaborative relationship between EVS and IPC. He cited studies showing that this collaboration is associated with reduced rates of antibiotic-resistant organisms. To achieve this, he emphasized the need for appreciating each other's roles, establishing clear communication channels, and avoiding working in silos.

Jim also touched on the importance of targeted auditing, engaging frontline EVS staff, and understanding the barriers they face in optimizing environmental cleaning and disinfection to prevent infections.

Overall, the presentation was eye-opening and provided valuable insights into the critical role EVS and IPC play in maintaining a safe and healthy healthcare environment. It was a reminder that we are all in this together, and collaboration is key to success in preventing infections.



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NEW THIS YEAR! The Freshman Fee

Are you New to the Profession or want to bring a Supervisor, Team Lead, Frontline Staff, or another Manager from your Facility?

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