

Dear SMARTRISK Learning Series Participant,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to “**Alcohol-Related Civil Liability: The Current State of Ontario Law**” part of the Winter 2008 Curriculum for injury prevention practitioners in Ontario and beyond.

What's in this package:

This package contains all the information and resources you will need to participate in this session of the SMARTRISK Learning Series.

1. Instructions for dialing into the teleconference on Wednesday, February 27th.

Everything you need to know to get connected and to participate in the Question and Answer discussion at the end of the session.

2. Session Outline

Session overview and learning objectives.

3. Resource Materials

Articles to support the materials that will be presented during the teleconference, and to kick-start your own further exploration of the topic area following the session.

4. Post-Teleconference Information

Including the SMARTRISK Learning Series Discussion Forum, replay option and feedback form.

Thank you for participating in this session.

We look forward to learning together!

The Ontario Injury Prevention Resource Centre is operated by SMARTRISK, with support from the Ontario Public Health Association and the Government of Ontario.

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1. Instructions for dialing into the teleconference

Date: Wednesday February 27th 2008
Starting Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am (EST)
Duration: 60 minutes (45 minutes lecture style, 15 minutes question and answer)

Instructions for connecting to the teleconference:

- At approximately 9:45 am (EST) on the day of the teleconference, assemble participants. If participating as a group use a speakerphone (otherwise a regular handset phone will be fine) to dial the following toll free number:

1 866-300-7687 or 416-641-6122

*** Please use the "416" number if you are in Toronto and area**

- The operator will ask you for the name of the teleconference you would like to join, which is: **The SMARTRISK Learning Series**
- The operator will then ask you to provide your name, the name of the organization you are calling from and the number of participants in your group.
- The operator will ask you to stand-by. When the call is starting, the speaker will be introduced and the call will proceed.
- For the lecture portion of the call, the call will be in non-interactive mode for participants. This means that if you sneeze, cough or talk at your end, no one else will be able to hear it.
- During the question and answer portion of the call, the operator will come on and provide further instructions for you to ask a question.
- At the end of the call, you terminate the session simply by hanging up.
- If you are unable to dial in to the above number, please contact Bell at 1-866-877-8170 or 416-695-3373.
- To reach the Ontario Injury Prevention Resource Centre, please call 416-977-7350.

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2. Session Outline

Session Title: Alcohol-Related Civil Liability: The Current State of the Ontario Law.

Guest Faculty: Robert Solomon, Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Western Ontario

Brief Overview of Presentation:

The session will begin by addressing some common myths about alcohol-related civil liability in Ontario. We will then discuss the circumstances in which individuals can be held civilly liable as alcohol providers, occupiers and social hosts. The discussion will then turn to strategies to minimize alcohol-related mishaps and the civil suits that they generate.

Learning Objectives:

The participants will:

1. Understand the current scope of alcohol-related civil liability in Ontario.
2. Understand why the hospitality industry, municipalities, service clubs, employers, and others need to develop comprehensive alcohol policies and practices.
3. Understand the essential components of effective risk minimization policies and practices.

3. Resource materials

The following resource materials have been selected to support the content of the teleconference and can be used as a guide for further research into this topic.

Resource List:

1. R. Solomon *et al.*, *Alcohol, Teens And Catastrophe: What Every Parent Needs to Know About Avoiding Alcohol Liability*, 2nd ed., (Oakville, Ontario: MADD Canada, 2006).
2. R. Solomon *et al.*, *Keeping Good Company: An Employer's Guide to Understanding and Avoiding Alcohol Liability*, 2nd ed., (Oakville, Ontario: MADD Canada, 2006).
3. R. Solomon *et al.*, *Being Sued Can Ruin A Good Party: A Social Host's Guide To Understanding And Avoiding Alcohol Liability*, 2nd ed., (Oakville, Ontario: MADD Canada, 2006).
4. R. Solomon *et al.*, *Sobering Thoughts on Safe Partying: A Guide to Avoiding Legal Liability*, 2nd. ed., (Oakville, Ontario: MADD Canada, 2006).
5. C. Bryant *et al.*, *Alcohol, Trauma and Impaired Driving*, 3rd edition (Toronto: MADD Canada and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, 2006).

*All available at www.madd.ca

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4. Post-Teleconference Information

Learning Series on the Ontario Injury Prevention Resource Centre Forum

The Resource Centre has created a [Discussion Board Forum](#) for injury prevention practitioners. Within the Forum, the SMARTRISK Learning Series has its own section; a space dedicated to further discussion of Learning Series topics, including alcohol-related civil liability. Learning Series participants are invited to visit the Forum to post questions and access additional resources. This is a great place to share information, have your questions answered by the Guest Faculty and to network with practitioners from across the province.

More information will be sent to participants after the teleconference but please visit the Forum and check out the different topic areas. Go to <http://www.oninjuryresources.ca/forum/>

For help registering and navigating the Forum, please see the OIPRC Forum Participant Guide located at www.oninjuryresources.ca.

Replay:

If you would like to listen to the presentation again or if you are unable to participate at the specified time, a recording of the teleconference will be available on the Ontario Injury Prevention Resource Centre website - <http://www.oninjuryresources.ca/>. The recording will be available approximately one week following the live teleconference. For more information on this service, please contact Nadja Gale at learning@oninjuryresources.ca.

Please share this information with your colleagues and community partners.

Feedback:

Participants are invited to provide feedback on their experience participating in the Learning Series and using its various features. It will only take five minutes to complete the survey.

The online feedback form is currently available in the [Discussion Board Forum](#) - then click on the SMARTRISK Learning Series.

Thank you and enjoy!