

Safety is a choice we make; Habitat for Humanity GTA embraces Safety Week at build sites

Work safe. Build safe. Live safe.

Toronto, May 7, 2018 – Being safe every day on every build site is Habitat for Humanity GTA's number one priority. During Construction Safety Week 2018 (May 7-11), the organization reinforces the collective awareness of the construction industry's commitment to eliminate worker injury, and to clearly communicate its dedication to a shared culture of care, concern, and the belief that 'every week must be safety week.'

Safety is a comprehensive element of Habitat for Humanity GTA's commitment to prioritizing people as its most vital asset. It is of tremendous importance to keep every employee, Habitat homeowner, volunteer, and community partner that lends a helping hand, out of harm's way at all times.

"Delivering affordable homeownership to 200 families over the next five years can only happen if volunteers feel safe and are able to fully contribute on our build sites," says Wayne Dempsey, VP of Construction at Habitat for Humanity GTA. "It is our responsibility to provide volunteers with the tools and guidance they need to ensure a safe work environment at all times when building with us."

While volunteers do a large part of the home building, the organization ensures safety comes first through various safety measures. Volunteers watch mandatory safety training videos before building with Habitat for Humanity GTA. Build site staff deliver a safety speech covering all basis of health and safety at the start of each build day. The organization ensures there is 1:5 Crew Leader to build volunteer ratio to provide necessary guidance and assistance. And all volunteers are given personal protective equipment and gear when they first arrive onto a Habitat build site.

To learn more about Habitat for Humanity GTA, visit www.habitatgta.ca.

About Habitat for Humanity GTA

Founded in 1988, Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area is a nonprofit housing organization working toward a world where everyone has a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home. We mobilize communities to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership. With the help of volunteers and community partners, we provide a solid foundation for better, healthier lives for families in the GTA. Since 1988, Habitat for Humanity GTA has built more than 360 homes for families, including over 1,300 children, in need of safe, decent, and affordable housing.

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