

GET FLUSHED

Coalition Partner Kit





Show your support!

Endorse this campaign for B.C.'s construction workers.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the BC Building Trades' Get Flushed campaign.

Premier Eby made the commitment. WorkSafeBC is now finalizing the regulations to make flushing toilets mandatory at construction sites where the project has 25 workers or more. But we need to make sure the regulations are brought into force without delay. We need to show Premier Eby we have support for flush toilets on construction sites from a broad coalition of partners. Whether you are a municipality, community organization or labour union, your public support goes a long way.

Here are a few ways to publicly support the campaign:

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Share on your organization's social media channels

You can help by sharing the campaign's social media assets on your organization's channels. This helps us spread the word. We want to encourage people to take action by sending Premier Eby an email urging him to implement WorkSafeBC's regulations as soon as possible.

Share the [GetFlushed.ca](https://www.getflushed.ca) website.

We've made it easy by including hyperlinked actions below. Just ensure you're logged into your organization's social media channels already before you click.




Share to Facebook →



Share to Twitter →


Share our social media content.

Below are some social media content we created. Just click on the hyperlink and you can share it on your organization's website.




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“The porta-potty was so dirty there were maggots.”

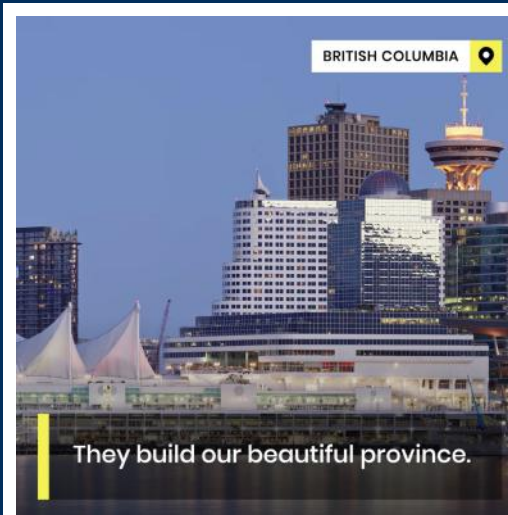
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Send an email to your email list

One of the best things you can do to support this campaign is send an email to your contacts through your email list. Here's a sample email:

From: [Your organization]

To: [Your mailing list]

Subject line: We need your help — support B.C. construction workers

Preview line: [Your organization] is supporting the Get Flushed campaign to bring flush toilets to construction sites in B.C.

Body: Hi [First name of recipient],

Here at [your organization], we're supporting the Get Flushed campaign to bring flush toilets to construction sites in B.C.

Right now, most of B.C.'s 200,000 construction workers don't have access to flushing toilets and running water at their workplace. Construction workers are forced to endure dirty, smelly, overfilled and unlit porta-potties.

This is about health and safety, but it's also about dignity. If a porta-potty was the only washroom you could use at work, would you tolerate it?.

[Can you take a minute to send an email to Premier David Eby urging him to implement WorkSafeBC's regulation as soon as possible?](#)

We are grateful Premier David Eby committed to requiring flush toilets on construction sites with more than 25 workers. WorkSafeBC is finalizing the regulations. But we know some of the industry will say the implementation should be delayed for months or even years. We cannot stop until construction workers have flush washroom facilities on their worksites.

Construction workers build our province's buildings and bridges. They build our hospitals, roads and dams. Construction workers deserve clean washrooms.

Step up for construction workers. Send an email to Premier Eby urging him to implement WorkSafeBC's regulation as soon as possible.

<https://getflushed.ca/action>

Thank you so much for your time.

Best, [Sender]

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Publicly endorse the campaign

In order to show a broad coalition of support, we want supporters to publicly endorse the campaign.

Once you endorse the campaign, we'll put your logo on our website. Here's a step-by-step guide for how to publicly endorse the campaign.

Step 1: Send Jeremy Allingham (JAllingham@bcbuildingtrades.org) an email letting him know that you intend on publicly endorsing the campaign. There may be a possibility he can come speak at the meeting in support.

Step 2: Find a date and time to have a meeting with appropriate decision-makers and pass a motion. Here's a sample motion:

BECAUSE there are more than 200,000 construction workers in B.C. and most of them don't have access to flushing toilets and running water at their workplace;

BECAUSE currently, construction workers are forced to endure dirty, smelly, overfilled and unlit porta-potties;

BECAUSE it costs construction companies less than \$1 per day per worker to provide flushing toilets on job sites but they refuse to do so;

BECAUSE Premier David Eby made a public commitment to flushing toilets on construction sites and now WorkSafeBC is finalizing the regulations; and

BECAUSE we know many construction companies will say they need months and months to implement, resulting in further delays for hard-working construction workers;

[YOUR ORGANIZATION] will endorse the BC Building Trades' Get Flushed campaign which calls on the B.C. Government to implement WorkSafeBC's regulations as soon as possible.

Step 3: Once the motion is adopted, send a copy of the resolution and a .png or .ai file of your logo to Jeremy Allingham (JAllingham@bcbuildingtrades.org).

How to build support

Below are some frequently asked questions that will help you build support internal to your organization.

Aren't flushing toilets really expensive?

Flushing toilets cost approximately \$1 per day per worker but construction companies refuse to provide them. That's why we need the B.C. Government to step in.

Why are flushing toilets better than porta-potties?

Flushing toilets flush! That means no human waste in sight and much less smell. These facilities also provide hand-washing capabilities with hot and cold running water, which means better sanitation and hygiene practices for workers. Portable flush toilets also have lights so that even in the dark, workers can see what they're doing. They have heating and cooling too, so workers can be comfortable using the washroom in all seasons.

How are porta-potties cleaned and serviced now?

Servicing porta-potties involves pumping out the holding tank with a hose inserted into the tank from inside the washroom. Once the tank is empty, the hose is removed and any residual waste from the hose may drip inside the unit. That waste is then removed when the unit is sprayed down with a cleaner, and then sprayed again with water. Everything is wet until the water evaporates, which could take several hours in the winter months, forcing workers to use a wet facility.

Isn't hand sanitizer just as good as soap and water?

Absolutely not. The BC Centre for Disease Control notes that washing with soap and hot water for an appropriate length of time is the most effective for destroying viruses.

What sort of risks are associated with porta-potties?

There are recognized biological hazards associated with poor hygiene practices, including COVID-19, Hepatitis A and other viruses. Porta-potties are unheated, impacting how effective disinfectants can be, as they are designed for use at room temperature.

Premier David Eby already committed to flushing toilets and WorkSafeBC is drafting regulations. Why do we still need to take action?

We are incredibly thankful for Premier Eby's commitment. And yes, WorkSafeBC is finalizing the regulations requiring flush toilets on construction sites where the project has 25 workers or more.

But we know some of the industry, they will want to see the implementation delayed for months and months. With the summer heat, construction workers can't wait any longer. The regulations, once finalized, should be brought into force immediately.

Once the regulations are finalized by WorkSafeBC, doesn't it become law immediately?

No, not necessarily. Once the regulations are finalized by WorkSafeBC, there is often a delay period before it comes into force. There is a risk that we could go through another whole construction season before flush toilets are truly implemented. That's why we need Premier Eby and Minister Harry Bains to make sure the regulations are implemented as soon as possible.

But some construction sites are very remote, is it reasonable to expect flushing toilets?

What Premier David Eby committed to is making flushing toilets mandatory at construction sites where the project has or is anticipated to have 25 or more workers. It's doable. In fact, it only costs \$1 per day per worker to do it.

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**Thank you so much
for your support!**

We really couldn't do this without you.

We are incredibly grateful to you for stepping up for B.C.'s 200,000 construction workers.

If you have any further questions or other creative ways to endorse the campaign, please feel free to reach out to Jeremy Allingham at JAllingham@BCBuildingTrades.org.

