Curtis Weber

Workplace Safety Prevention, Burn Survivor, Safety Expert

“In order to develop or change an organizational culture of safety, first we must understand and influence change in human behaviour”

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Language Spoken
English

Travel’s From
North Battleford, Saskatchewan
Speaker Biography:

On July 29th, 1999, Curtis Weber was 17 years old and working as he did everyday as a Construction Laborer on the Saskatchewan prairies. After a long day at work, he and his crew were attempting to transport a grain bin under a power line with our picker truck. Prior to performing the task, they assessed the risk of moving the bin under an overhead power line. After a brief discussion, they talked about the power line and how it “had the potential to kill somebody”. Just minutes later, it nearly did.

They had to be cautious. They thought they could get the job done safely. As they worked against the elements, he steadied the bin from the high winds while they approached the overhead line. Then the predictable happened. The preventable happened.

As they approached the overhead line, the operator of the crane did not boom down far enough and backed directly into the power line. Curtis immediately became the ground point for the electricity as 14,400 volts of electricity surged through his body three separate times. He was surrounded by steel and as each cycle of 14,400 volts passed through his body, the electricity tried to eject him from the live zone, instead throwing him violently from one end of the steel structure to another as the 2nd and 3rd cycles of 14,400 volts of electricity passed through him.

Curtis Weber was given a 0% chance of survival, his family were told he would not survive his injuries. Instead he has 3rd and 4th degree burns to over 60% of his body and is now a double amputee. Let him tell you his story of triumph over tragedy and share with you how and why he was lucky that day.

After the near fatal injury and the 6 year recovery that followed, Curtis has spent the last 10 years developing skills, experience and building an education in order to provide services in Occupational Health and Safety to organizations throughout Canada as well as developing an exceptional skill set of facilitation and presenting to workplaces, Schools, Conferences and other events.

Curtis Weber’s qualifications and certifications:

- Safety Officer – Prairie North Health Region (2013 -present)
- Spokesperson – WorkSafe Saskatchewan/WCB – events and campaigns
- Influencer Training (VitalSmarts, 2010)
- Diploma, Adult Education (St.Xavier University, 2009)
- Safety Program Development (Enform, 2009)
- Obligations & Liabilities (CSSE, 2008)
High Voltage: A Personal Journey

Bringing a tragic, life-changing, and near fatal experience full circle; this presentation will leave all in attendance motivated and inspired. Curtis Weber was given a 0% chance of survival, his family were told he would not survive his injuries. Instead he has 3rd and 4th degree burns to over 60% of his body and is now a double amputee. Let him tell you his story of triumph over tragedy and share with you how and why he was lucky that day. Curtis’ story of survival offers the audience a story of determination, hope and resilience. Drawing from his experience he will convey key messages of his mindframe after the accident and the support system which helped him beat all odds and recover to become the father, husband and successful keynote speaker. Curtis’s story touches the hearts of all audience members. His down to earth and approachable speaking style always connects with audience members, and impacts their lives and decisions. Curtis will offer practical solutions to his winning philosophy. He is walking proof that anything is possible as long as we develop a strong support network, a positive attitude, good will, determination, hard work and a plan of action.

As part of the keynote address, Curtis takes time to promote the conference theme. He also researches your organizational goals, desired learning outcomes and your audience to make sure that he can incorporate any learning objectives of each client throughout his presentation.
High Voltage: Safety

Curtis conducts a comprehensive need assessment to tailor this presentation for each client. Curtis also works with employers to incorporate any key messaging that employer may have in place within their organization, re-enforcing company cultures and messages. Curtis works from his views that in order to change or develop a safety culture, first we must change or influence human behavior. This presentation offers the tools needed to make these changes, with hazard assessment, risk analysis, and a joint-accountability approach to safety management and prevention. Above all, Curtis emphasizes that we must remain accountable to ourselves.

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Triumph Over Tragedy: A Story of Recover in Canada’s Healthcare System

Curtis shares his personal story of a near fatal workplace injury that nearly ended his promising young life. While sharing the details of the day that changed his life forever, Curtis creates an undeniable energy and passion for challenging the way people view workplace injuries, and most importantly, what is involved in a successful road to recovery.

Curtis discusses those who were instrumental in his amazing and successful road to his 6-year recovery, including the multiple levels of healthcare he received, his case/claims management team, multiple level/discipline therapy teams and the other healthcare representatives he came across on his path of recovery. Attendees will learn the personal, social and family contributing factors lead his successful recovery from injury and illness. Please join Curtis in this emotional and inspiring presentation while being reassured and motivated to continue to be the difference in integrating those who face challenges in recovery to go back to healthy and productive lives.

With experience hosting events for thousands of healthcare providers, Curtis leaves his audiences empowered, inspired and with valuable new insights into care management.
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"Curtis is one of the most engaging speakers. His story, positive attitude and safety knowledge creates an impactful presentation. I look forward to working with him again in the near future."

**JOCELYN FROEHLLICH A.SC.T., TECHNICAL SALES, TEAM POWER SOLUTIONS**

"I have had the pleasure of meeting Curtis and hearing Curtis speak about his incident. His story as he tells it is compelling and from the heart, he wants to ensure that no one has to endure the unfortunate incident that changed his life. He tells the story with a passion for ensuring that everyone that is listening hears his message. Curtis’s message would be a valuable additional to any safety conference or focussed safety forums/workshops for employers.”

**TERRY BECKER P.ENG., IEEE SENIOR MEMBER, CESCP, ELECTRICAL SAFETY TRAINING SYSTEMS (ESTS)**

“As like everyone else who has had the pleasure to meet Curtis I can truthfully say he is an energetic young man with a great sense of humor and a passion for safety.

Curtis was invited to our workplace as a keynote speaker at safety days. His personal experience captivated the audience; Curtis talks about the luckiest day of his life. He shares from the heart, and is extremely truthful with the answers he gives to any questions asked. People are still talking about the impact he made, not only at work but at home as well. I would fully recommend Curtis to any organization, he has a powerful message to share and it’s a message that will not be forgot by anyone.

On behalf of everyone at McClean Lake Operation, Areva Resources Canada Inc. thank you Curtis and all the best for the future.”

**CHRIS STANSFIELD CHSC, CSO, SAFETY OFFICER, AREVA RESOURCES CANADA INC.**

“Curtis Weber is a dynamic public speaker who delivers a very personable message on the need to have “safety as a core value”. His impact to our operation at McArthur River Mine, Cameco was long and sustaining, and people still talk about it today. In fact he went onto engage our sister operation Key Lake and had the same positive sustaining impact on our people. Curtis is highly skilled and knowledgeable and is able to have people stop and think how incidents and accidents affect all of us. This young man will offer you an opportunity to challenge the way people think about safety values, culture, and the need for positive communication. His ability to talk about “recognizing hazards” is not enough. if you don’t put a control in place as described by his own incident. Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you would like additional information.”

**RICK MORRISON, MANAGER HEALTH, SAFETY, QUALITY, RADIATION, ENVIRONMENT, COMPLIANCE AND LICENSING, CAMECO CORPORATION**

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