



# Why awareness about domestic violence matters in the workplace: HSA workshop

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HSA is pleased to offer a one-day workshop focused on the impact domestic violence has on workers and workplaces, and the role of employers and unions in keeping workplaces safe.

The workshop will feature two guest experts: Anne Davis, an HSA member and transition house worker with expertise and training in anti-violence, and Kamal Dhillon, author of *I am Kamal: Survivor to Thrive!*, an autobiographical account of her experiences of domestic violence.

***\*\*The content of this workshop will be graphic, emotional, triggering, and potentially traumatizing. Trained transition house staff will be available to provide support to workshop participants.***

This workshop is offered to all HSA members.

**DATE:** December 5, 2022

**TIME:** 9:00am to 4:30pm

**LOCATION:** HSA Training Room, 180 East Columbia Street, New Westminster

In Kamal Dhillon's workshop, participants will gain an understanding of why domestic violence is a workplace issue, the effects of domestic violence, and the challenges victims face when leaving.

In Anne Davis' workshop, participants will learn how domestic violence impacts workers and workplaces, discuss the union's role in keeping workers safe at work, practice having effective conversations with colleagues impacted by domestic violence, and develop strategies for making a difference through negotiations, member education, public awareness, and political action.

## **Facilitators:**

**Kamal Dhillon** is the author of *Black and Blue Sari* and a newly released book, *I AM KAMAL, Survivor to Thrive!* In her books she describes the harrowing details of her experience of brutal domestic violence throughout her marriage - from the moment she married her husband at the age of 18 until his death 15 years later.

She is a domestic violence survivor with a horrific story of inhumane suffering, which she bravely shares with the world. Through her courageous story, this inspirational speaker exposes her personal journey of living through a horrendous string of violence and torture throughout her marriage.

**Anne Davis** has worked at Comox Valley Transition Society on the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation for thirty years. She has served as Transition House Coordinator for ten years and coordinated the Comox Valley Violence Against Women Community Coordinating Committee for fifteen years. Anne is a long time HSA member and a former member of the HSA Board of Directors.

**Register early, space is limited.**

***\*\*Members interested in participating in this workshop are encouraged to consider the impact the content will have on them, and to consider alternative workshops on this difficult, distressing and potentially triggering or traumatizing subject matter. Trained transition house staff will be onsite to support workshop participants.***

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