

Science World's Tinkering Space: The WorkSafeBC Gallery Expands for Even More Creative Fun



Vancouver, BC, September 11, 2024 – Science World and WorkSafeBC are pleased to announce the expansion of Science World's [Tinkering Space: The WorkSafeBC Gallery](#), at the iconic dome. This 585-square-foot expansion will introduce new tools, a dedicated testing space, and expanded programming; offering even more opportunities for visitors to imagine, create, test, and learn.

Launched at Science World in 2017 to commemorate WorkSafeBC's 100th anniversary, this permanent, ongoing exhibit supports the [Listen to Your Gut](#) campaign, encouraging young workers to follow their instincts and speak up about health and safety concerns. Today's gallery highlights the science behind safety and the proper techniques for experimenting with tools and materials. Visitors are encouraged to experiment and make mistakes, using their problem-solving and experimentation skills to build new things from existing parts.

Science World's expanded programming for ages 6+ aligns perfectly with its new purpose, "Science for All." They offer daily programming and thanks to the partnership, more frequently scheduled [Maker Studio](#) sessions led by facilitators. In these sessions, visitors get hands-on and creative while learning how to use tools to test, react and problem-solve. The addition of new, industry-standard tools like Cricut machines, sewing machines, and a laser cutter will help participants learn new skills, experiment with different techniques, and take their projects home.

"The Tinkering Space is more than just a place to play. It's a space where guests can learn the essential skills of iterative design and problem-solving," said Nicole Vieira, Tinkering Space Curator at Science World. "By engaging in the design-thinking process through tinkering, visitors develop critical skills that

benefit them throughout their lives. We are so thankful to WorkSafeBC for their support in expanding the space and enhancing our ability to increase the opportunities we can provide.”

"By immersing young visitors in hands-on activities and interactive exhibits, the WorkSafeBC Gallery offers a fun and educational experience that highlights the importance of workplace safety and well-being. Our goal is to give the next generation the skills and knowledge to help make workplaces safer and healthier in the future," says Todd McDonald, Head of Prevention Services at WorkSafeBC.

Visiting the *Tinkering Space: The WorkSafeBC Gallery* is free with admission to Science World, go to scienceworld.ca to get your tickets and to see the Maker Studio schedule.

About Science World

Science World is a charity that provides engaging and playful STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art & design and math) learning experiences. Visitors to the iconic dome in Vancouver explore interactive, hands-on exhibits, galleries and events that nurture discovery and inspire connection with their natural, physical and built environments. Beyond the dome, outreach programs inspire students, teachers and families in every region of British Columbia through virtual and in-person visits and programs. Science World's mission is to ignite wonder and empower dreams through science and nature. And their vision is a sustainable future filled with critical thinkers, problem solvers and wonder seekers. Learn more at scienceworld.ca.

About WorkSafeBC

WorkSafeBC engages workers and employers to prevent injury, disease, and disability in B.C. When work-related injuries or diseases occur, WorkSafeBC provides compensation and support to people in their recovery, rehabilitation, and safe return to work. We serve 2.7 million workers and 280,000 employers across B.C.

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