



# TRADES EXHIBITION HALL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. How do I book a visit to the Trades Exhibition Hall?

To learn more about the Hall or to book a tour, please contact our Trades Exhibition Hall Coordinator, Madison Tiller at 902-832-4761 or email [teh@nscsc.ca](mailto:teh@nscsc.ca).

## 2. How far in advance should I book a visit?

It is never too early to book. We recommend you book at least 3 months in advance of your desired date.

## 3. Who can visit the Trades Exhibition Hall?

The Hall is open to everyone. However, we only take bookings for groups (not individually). Individuals who would like to visit should watch our social media pages for information regarding our annual Open House.

*Minimum group size: 15 people | Maximum group size: 40 people*

## 4. Can schools combine groups to visit the Hall?

Absolutely. As long as the number of participants does not exceed 40, schools are encouraged to combine when arranging visits to the Hall in order to facilitate as many students experiencing the Hall as possible.

## 5. What should visitors expect?

We treat the Hall as an active job site. A visit to the Trades Exhibition Hall is a highly interactive and engaging experience. Visitors will receive a safety orientation, become familiarized with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and participate in hands-on construction activities led by industry professionals. Visitors should expect to be on their feet for prolonged periods of time, so dress comfortably.

## 6. What should visitors wear to the Trades Exhibition Hall?

We ask that visitors come dressed comfortably for a day of hands-on activities (i.e. jeans and a t-shirt). No sandals, opened-toed shoes, or ballet flats, please.

## 7. Is personal protective equipment (PPE) required? Do we need to bring our own?

Visitors to the Trades Exhibition Hall are required to wear a hard hat, steel toe boots (or slip-on steel toe covers) and safety glasses at all times while in the Hall. We provide PPE to all visitors while in the Hall, but you are welcome and encouraged to bring your own PPE if available.

## 8. What are the different types of visits offered?

**Speed Trades (3-5 hours)** | A half day interactive learning experience for those who are short on time. Undergo a safety orientation and spend approx. 10 - 15 minutes at each booth testing out the trades and speaking with trades professionals about their occupation.

**Construction Immersion (5+ hours)** | The ultimate experience. Undergo a safety orientation and be immersed into the trades. Spend approximately 20 - 25 minutes at each booth, taking part in in-depth hands-on activities at each with guidance from trades professionals.

## 9. What times are visits scheduled?

An interactive visit requires a minimum of 3 hours spent at our facility. However, there are no “set times” that the Hall runs, so we can adjust to meet your schedule. A typical visit for a school consists of a 10:00am arrival and a 2:00pm or 3:00pm departure, but this can be altered to meet your needs.

## 8. What booths are available in the Hall?

- Boilermaker
- Bricklayer/Mason
- Carpenter/Millwright
- Electrician
- Finishing Trades (Painter, Glazier, etc.)
- Insulator
- Ironworker
- Labourer
- Management (Project Manager, Accountant, Estimator, etc.)
- Non-Destructive Tester
- Operating Engineer (Heavy Equipment Operator, Crane Operator, etc.)
- Pipe Trades (Plumber, Pipefitter, Steamfitter, etc.)
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Elevator Constructor (coming soon)

## 9. Can I select booths for my visit?

On average, we have a minimum of 10 booths open for each visit. Which booths are “active” depends on the availability of the industry professionals who staff the booths. If there are specific trades/occupations you want to focus on, please identify them upon booking and we will do our best to make sure those booths are active during your visit.

## 10. Is there a lunch break?

Yes. Each group gets a 20-30 minute break for lunch during their visit.

## 11. Will food and drink be provided?

Bottled water is provided. Food and juice/pop are not provided. We ask that visiting groups bring their own bagged lunch or arrange with the Trades Hall Coordinator to have food delivered (pizza, etc.) as there is nowhere to purchase food on the premises. Students should bring food items that **do not** require cooking or heating as we **do not** have a microwave available for student use.

## 12. Is there a cost to visiting the Trades Exhibition Hall?

Currently, thanks to funding provided by the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency, there is no cost to visiting the Trades Exhibition Hall unless special requests for staffing or materials are involved. Items of this nature would be discussed with the Trades Hall Coordinator at the time of booking.

## 13. Who created the Trades Exhibition Hall?

The Trades Exhibition Hall was built in partnership with contractors, labour organizations, training providers and the Nova Scotia Government. The operations are funded by the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency.

## 14. Does the Trades Exhibition Hall have insurance?

Yes. A copy of our policy certificate can be sent on request to those who require it.

