

**Dani Desautels**  
**Price Industries Ltd.**

Dani Desautels started out her career in safety as a first-aider team leader at Schmidtke Millwork in 1996. Due to a serious incident, she was recruited to assist in the development of the safety management system within the engineering department. From there, Desautels went to Coldstream Products as a production scheduler/safety support and was quickly requested to assist the safety committee. She was eventually hired by Wilson Auto Electric to fill the position of safety officer. With very high compensation costs and claims, Desautels' first order of business was to determine the causes and controls required to address the injuries.

Within nine months and a drop from high monthly claims to no claims due to working with the associates to correct the hazards, Wilson received a letter of recommendation from WCB for reducing injuries and developing a high-functioning return to work program. From Wilson, Desautels was recruited by Agricultural Manufacturers of Canada (AMC) as a safety advisor. Over the next 10 years, she was promoted to senior safety advisor, manager and eventually executive director.

AMC grew from supporting agricultural manufacturers to supporting all manufacturing in Manitoba and became Made Safe. Desautels continued to work at Made Safe as a program manager until she was recruited by Price Industries Ltd. to develop the safety management system and work toward getting Price Industries Ltd. SAFE Work Certified. This was achieved within nine months of her coming on board and working with the safety team and associates to develop the program and the safety culture at Price. In 2023, Price became recertified with SAFE Work Manitoba.