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Upcoming inspection blitzes



In fall and winter 2013, the Ministry of Labour will conduct several blitzes, focusing on hazards related to falls from construction projects, the collapse of excavated rock areas in mines, recycling and waste management in the industrial and health care sectors, and musculoskeletal disorders in health care.

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Ground Control Blitz



The Ministry of Labour is visiting underground mines to check for hazards that could lead to the collapse of excavated rock areas during an inspection blitz in October and November 2013.

Workers face health and safety risks from hazards found in mines that can result in occupational diseases or fatal injuries. Historically, ground instability has been one of the biggest causes of fatalities in underground mines in Ontario. Since 1991, 14 workers have been killed in underground mines in Ontario as a result of collapse of ground (rock) or rockbursts, a term for violent expulsions of rock from mine roofs and walls.

Falls of ground or rockbursts occur when rock becomes dislodged from the roof or walls of an underground excavated site. The amount of rock displaced can vary from hundreds of pounds to thousands of tons of material. If workers happen to be where that occurs, it can lead to severe injuries or fatalities.

As underground mines become older and deeper, they are generally more prone to incidents of ground instability. There are several underground mines in Ontario operating at depths approaching 10,000 feet.

About 40 active underground mines operate in Ontario. Most of them are located in Northern Ontario, where a range of minerals are extracted, including copper, nickel, gold and other precious metals, diamonds, salt and gypsum. Ground instability could occur at any underground mine, regardless of the type of minerals that are being mined.

During the blitz, the ministry is confirming that:

- the proper pre-mining engineering ground stability analysis has been performed to identify potential ground failure mechanisms and that the underground openings are designed accordingly
- boundary pillars separating adjacent underground mines, if any, have been designed as required
- uncontrolled falls of ground and rockbursts in underground mines are being reported as required, and that records of such incidents are being maintained
- a formal program exists at underground mines for communicating ground control information between workers and supervisors, and
- a formal program exists for verifying that all ground support systems in underground mines are properly installed and remain effective while in use

Ground control generally involves a variety of engineering and operational measures to control, monitor and prevent falls of ground and rockbursts. These include:

- design measures to predict the types of issues that could arise and to adjust the plans to prevent a fall of ground (These measures generally include an analysis of the mine's geology and rock mass characteristics as well as computer modelling to understand the effects and pressures of a proposed excavation on ground support.)

- installation of ground support systems to stabilize the surfaces of mine excavations
- a planned sequencing of tasks for excavating a site in a mine to minimize the effects of stress on ground supports
- use of ground monitoring systems to measure seismicity, rock mass stress levels and ground displacement around excavation sites
- use of backfill in areas no longer being excavated

Recycling and Waste Management Blitz



In November and December 2013, inspectors will focus on hazards related to recycling and waste management in the industrial and health care sectors. In industrial workplaces, inspectors will focus on facilities that are involved in recycling and waste management. Meanwhile, in the health care sector, inspectors will focus on workplaces such as hospitals that handle hazardous drugs and waste that is contaminated by these drugs – and other potentially infectious agents.

Why focus on recycling and waste management?

Recycling and waste management facilities have seen a nearly 13 per cent increase in the rate of injuries to workers between 2010 and 2011, according to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

Ministry inspectors will check that industrial sector employers are protecting the health and safety of workers from hazards that may arise from working at recycling and waste management facilities. Inspectors will check for effective health and safety programs, which include hazard recognition and controls that can reduce occupational injuries and illnesses, and improve working conditions.

In the health care sector, the blitz will focus on hazardous drugs and biomedical waste management. The handling of biomedical waste that is potentially contaminated with infectious agents is an ongoing concern for these facilities. Waste material may also be contaminated with hazardous drugs, such as the drugs used to treat cancer. Workers may be exposed to hazardous drugs at all stages in the preparation, administration and waste management of those drugs.

What will inspectors look for?

In the industrial sector, inspectors will check recycling and waste management facilities. They will visit municipal and privately owned workplaces. Inspectors will focus on a variety of potential hazards in relation, but not limited, to:

- the safe movement of materials into and out of the workplace
- the use of cranes and lifting devices
- safe operation of mobile material-handling equipment
- pedestrian traffic safety, both inside the workplace and in the surrounding yards
- slips, trips and falls
- musculoskeletal disorders

View CSA standards cited in OHSA regulations

Many regulations made under Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act require compliance with standards published by CSA Group, a not-for-profit, membership-based association serving business, industry, government and consumers in Canada and the global marketplace. Thanks to a pilot project funded in part by the Ontario government, you can read many of the relevant CSA standards before you buy. Registration to view the standards is required; however, you are under no obligation to purchase anything. CSA standards cited in Ontario's occupational health and safety regulations are available online for many sectors, including industry, health care, mining, manufacturing, agriculture and construction.

<http://ohsviewaccess.csa.ca/default.asp?lang=EN>



Inspectors will also focus on occupational hygiene issues such as exposure to noise, silica, dusts and potential biohazards.

In the health care sector, inspectors will visit workplaces such as hospitals, long-term care homes and health sector laboratories where hazardous drugs such as cancer treatment drugs may be found, and where biomedical waste is generated and handled. Inspectors will focus on issues including, but not limited to:

- consultation with the joint health and safety committee or health and safety representative in the development and implementation of written measures and procedures to protect workers who may be exposed to cancer treatment drugs, or to material or equipment contaminated with those drugs
- training and instruction in worker health and safety measures and procedures
- proper disposal of used needles and sharp objects
- proper storage of liquid hazardous waste in a workplace
- consultation with the joint health and safety committee or health and safety representative in the development and implementation of written measures and procedures to protect workers who generate, collect, transport, handle or treat contaminated or potentially contaminated waste materials
- training and instruction in the measures and procedures to workers who generate, collect, transport, handle or treat contaminated or potentially contaminated waste materials
- the use of safety-engineered needles in compliance with [O. Reg. 474/07](#) (Needle Safety)

The blitz's goal is to encourage workplace parties to identify and control workplace hazards, to promote compliance with the [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#) and its regulations, and to deter non-compliant employers.

Health Care Blitz Focuses on Musculoskeletal Disorders

Ontario inspected health care facilities in a province-wide blitz in September and October to check for hazards that can lead to musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) to help keep health care workers in our hospitals and long-term care facilities safe.

Ministry of Labour inspectors visited long-term care homes, health and community care services, retirement homes and other health care workplaces. They ensured that proper procedures are in place for client handling and manual materials handling to prevent MSD among staff.

"Health care workers take care of our loved ones, and we all have a role in helping prevent MSDs at work," said Minister of Labour Yasir Naqvi.

MSDs are injuries and disorders of the muscles, tendons, nerves, joints and spinal discs.

They can develop as a result of repetitive work, forceful exertions such as heavy lifting and awkward postures.

The blitz focused on:

- client handling, including lifting, transferring and repositioning of clients
- manual materials handling, including lifting, lowering, pushing, pulling and carrying of objects
- and the use and maintenance of carts in housekeeping and other support service areas

The blitz is part of the province's Safe At Work Ontario enforcement initiative to promote compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its regulations.

In 2011, MSDs accounted for 41 per cent of all WSIB lost-time injuries, 34 per cent of new claim costs and 36 per cent of days lost at work in Ontario.

More information

Learn more about MSDs: www.ontario.ca/MSD

Read more about Ontario's *Safe At Work Ontario* strategy to improve workplace safety. www.ontario.ca/SafeAtWorkOntario

Ministry Focuses on Roofing Safety



Ontario targeted safety hazards involving sloped roofing at construction projects during a two-month enforcement initiative.

Through August and September, inspectors visited construction sites across the province to raise awareness of safety and promote compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its regulations.

Inspectors focused on fall hazards, fall protection training and setup, use of ladders, heat stress and materials handling hazards that can lead to musculoskeletal disorders.

This is part of a joint planning initiative involving the Ministry of Labour Operations Division, Prevention Branch and Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA).

Also, to raise awareness of the need for increased safety in the low-rise residential roofing sector, the IHSA is offering seminars across the province.

Background

- Working on sloped roofing is dangerous. A small slip can have serious consequences. In 2012, 13 workers died and 137 workers received critical injuries in incidents in the construction sector. Of those, five workers died and 79 workers received critical injuries as a result of falls.
- Hazards involving sloped roofs include inappropriate use of fall protection systems, poor ladder setup, overhead power lines and poorly maintained equipment.

More information

For information about construction safety, visit www.ontario.ca/ConstructionSafety

For homeowners, the IHSA is offering a free brochure on things to look out for when hiring a roofing contractor

http://www.ihsa.ca/images/pfiles/538_IHSA023.pdf.

Prevent Falls on Construction Projects



Falls are the number-one cause of critical injuries and deaths of workers at construction sites in Ontario. In September and October 2013, the Ministry of Labour is focusing on fall hazards in construction in a workplace inspection blitz.

Workers can be at increased risk of falling because of:

- missing protective devices (e.g., guardrails)
- unsuitable and/or poorly maintained guardrails and covers
- unguarded openings in floors, work surfaces or walls of buildings or other structures, including skylights in existing roof structures
- lack of appropriate personal protective equipment (e.g., equipment not available, not used, or misused)
- other equipment that is misused or in poor condition (e.g., ladders, scaffolds, and suspended access equipment)
- poor work practices (e.g., unclear job procedures, lack of training, or workers rushing to meet deadlines)
- poor lighting, slippery surfaces, inadequate “housekeeping” (e.g., a messy, cluttered work area) and other deficient working conditions

Appropriate methods for controlling these and other hazards must be included in construction site health and safety programs.

Some methods for controlling hazards leading to falls include:

- engineering controls
- personal protective equipment
- thorough housekeeping
- use of appropriate and adequate administrative controls

See the complete fact sheet here: http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/pubs/fs_construction.php

More information

Ministry of Labour: Construction Safety: www.ontario.ca/ConstructionSafety

Infrastructure Health & Safety Association: www.ihsa.ca

Workplace Safety & Insurance Board: www.wsib.on.ca

View CSA standards in occupational health and safety legislation:

<http://ohsviewaccess.csa.ca/default.asp?lan=EN>

It's Your Job: Video Contest on Workplace Health and Safety Opens to Secondary School Students

Each year, more than 6,200 young workers across Ontario are injured seriously enough – or suffer a workplace-related illness to a point – that they need time off work. That's 17 young workers every single day. Last year, nine young workers lost their lives.

Between Nov. 1, 2013, and March 28, 2014, Ontario's secondary school students are encouraged to submit a video of up to two minutes on any topic related to workplace health and safety. Winners and their respective schools will be awarded cash prizes. The winning videos will advance to the Canadian finals and Fan Favourite voting for a chance to win more cash prizes!

Secondary School Video Prizes:

- 1st Place: **\$1,000** for the entrant(s), **\$1,000** for their school
- 2nd Place: **\$750** for the entrant(s), **\$750** for their school
- 3rd Place: **\$500** for the entrant(s), **\$500** for their school

Canadian Finals: The first place secondary school video at the Canadian finals will be awarded \$2,000, second place will receive \$1,500 and third place will receive \$1,000. Each winning secondary school will receive a matching prize equal to the total prize awarded to the winning student or team of students.

If you are in a workplace that hires secondary school students – or if you personally know a student yourself – encourage them to enter the contest.

Last year, two high school entries from Ontario won the national contest. Students from Robert F. Hall in Caledon won first place and will compete an international safety media competition in Germany in 2014.

You can view last year's winning Ontario secondary school videos: <http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/contest/winners2013.php>

How Do I Enter The Contest?

Submitting your entry to the video contest is easy! Simply complete these three steps:

1. Download the Contest Entry Form from our website, and fill in all of the required information. www.ontario.ca/videocontest
2. Upload your video to Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/> - and specify the location (URL) on the entry form. Memberships to Vimeo are free.
3. After the form has been completed and signed, send it to us. **See the section titled Submitting Your Entry to find details on where to submit your entry form and video:** <http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/contest/index.php#submitentry>.

For more information – and full contest rules – visit www.Ontario.ca/videocontest.

Every Voice Counts in Developing an Occupational Health and Safety Strategy for Ontario



The Ministry of Labour is currently developing Ontario's first system-wide occupational health and safety strategy. This strategy will provide a clear vision to guide Ontario's occupational health and safety system, and workplaces. It will also help shape operational plans and programs for the ministry and its partners in the years ahead.

Engaging new voices

To develop a strategy that engages and includes as many voices as possible, the ministry went beyond a traditional consultation.

"We reached out to small business, vulnerable workers and others who we don't normally hear from in our consultation processes," said George Gritziotis, Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer.

"It's important to hear from people who aren't accessing the health and safety system to find out why, and figure out what we can do to get them connected to the resources that they need."

Consultation sessions were conducted across a range of sectors, occupations, types of employment and diverse backgrounds to develop a strategy that can meet the needs of all Ontarians. A broad range of voices were brought in to ensure ideas, best practices, emerging trends and lessons learned were captured.

More than 1,000 stakeholders consulted

The consultation process took place between December 2012 and May 2013, and the ministry received a lot of feedback:

- 217 responses were received in response to the short and long consultation papers
- 60 public consultation meetings were held with the public, within the ministry and with other governments, which included 1,123 stakeholders

What we heard

Preliminary findings from the consultations highlighted the importance of addressing the needs of vulnerable workers, small business and high-hazard activities. There was also a demand for improved service delivery – Ontarians want a flexible, coordinated, and robust service delivery system.

Emerging issues in occupational health and safety such as new hazards contributing to occupational disease, mental health and workplace violence were also raised as issues to be considered when developing the strategy.

What next?

The ministry will analyze all of the consultation feedback. We will also review research from other provinces in Canada and from around the world, evaluations of other strategies, as well as current and historical data to develop a strategy that will position Ontario as a leader in occupational health and safety.

Health and Safety Contact Centre



The Ministry of Labour reminds you: Ontario has a one-window, toll-free number – 1-877-202-0008 – to report workplace health and safety incidents or unsafe work practices.

On Nov. 1, 2010, the Ministry of Labour launched a Health & Safety Contact Centre, which allows anyone, anywhere in Ontario, to call one number to report a workplace health and safety incident, critical injury, fatality or work refusal.

The public can also call that number if they have a health and safety question, if they suspect unsafe work practices or for general inquiries. The number operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, for general inquiries about workplace health and safety. In an emergency, always call 911 immediately.

“If you see a health and safety concern at the workplace, don’t forget to contact your joint health and safety committee or health and safety and representative first to see if it can be resolved,” said Heather Leask, a technical adviser at the contact centre. Leask stresses that workplace parties should look to the Internal Responsibility System (IRS) first, if possible, as a first step to resolve workplace concerns.

Blitz Results: Excavation

Excavation and soil-removal can result in serious, even fatal, injuries to workers at construction sites.

In May 2013, Ministry of Labour inspectors conducted a blitz on excavations at construction projects. Inspectors checked compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and its regulations.

Inspectors checked for hazards that could lead to:

- slips, trips and falls
- sudden collapse of soil due to unsupported excavation walls
- objects falling on workers because of mishandled or improperly stored materials
- contact with underground services or overhead electrical cables
- workers being struck by equipment or vehicles

The goal of the blitz was to:

- raise awareness of hazards involving excavations at construction projects
- increase worksite compliance with the law, and
- prevent injuries that could arise from unsafe work practices

During May 2013, ministry inspectors conducted 794 visits to 719 workplaces and issued 1,781 orders under the OHSA and its regulations, including 151 stop-work orders.

Report summary

Of the orders:

- 26.3 per cent (469 orders) were issued under the OHSA
- 72.3 per cent (1,288 orders) were issued under the Regulations for Construction Projects
- 1.4 per cent (24 orders) were issued under other regulations

Of the construction regulation orders, the three most frequently issued involved a failure of employers to ensure:

- workers had adequate access and egress
- excavations were in compliance
- workers wore personal protective equipment

The scope of the campaign was comprehensive and included all types of excavation hazards at Ontario construction projects.

The blitz focus included:

- **Excavation wall support:** Inspectors checked that that excavation and trenching support systems are in place. They also checked that employers are determining the site's soil type to ascertain the strength and stability of the excavation walls. Inspectors checked that trench and excavation walls are being stripped of any loose rock or other material that could slide, roll or fall on a worker. Inspectors checked that constructors are taking appropriate precautions to prevent damage to nearby structures, including employing a professional engineer to specify in writing any precautions to be taken.
- **Utilities locations:** Inspectors checked that employers identify, locate and mark utilities to prevent worker contact with gas lines, electrical conductors and other services during excavations. Inspectors also checked that utility owners supervise the uncovering of potentially hazardous utilities if the services cannot be disconnected during the excavation.
- **Safety measures:** Inspectors checked that employers have measures and procedures in place to prevent slips, trips and falls hazards. Inspectors also checked that a barrier at least 1.1 metres (42 inches) high is provided, when required, at the top of an excavation if it does not meet regulatory slope requirements and is more than 2.4 metres (eight feet) deep. Inspectors also checked that a clear work space of at least 450 millimetres (18 inches) is maintained between the excavation's wall and any work platform.

Inspection activity summary

Inspection visits to construction projects							
Blitz results	Workplace visits	Workplaces visited	Orders issued	Stop-work orders	Requirements	Orders and requirements per workplace visited	Orders and requirements per workplace visit
Total	794	719	1,781	151	14	2.50	2.26

Order analysis

Excavation incidents continue to be a workplace issue at Ontario construction projects.

Of the 1,781 total orders, 469 (26%) orders including 151 (8%) stop-work orders and 14 requirements were issued under OSHA. Over the course of the one-month enforcement campaign, 1,302 (73%) orders were issued for regulatory compliance under Ontario Regulation 213/91 (Construction projects), 17 orders were issued under Ontario Regulation 856/90 (Roll-over protective structures), and seven orders were issued under WHMIS or asbestos regulations.

Excavation-related contraventions		
Reason for excavation-related order	Number of excavation-related orders	Orders related to excavation as percentage of all* orders
Access and egress to work area	147	8.25
Excavations safety	135	7.58
Personal protective equipment	135	7.58
Fall protection hazard	129	7.24
Emergency procedures	87	4.88
Scaffold / work platform	76	4.26
Housekeeping concerns	73	4.09
Construction equipment hazards	67	3.76
Electrical hazards	61	3.42
Traffic protection inadequate	43	2.41

*all orders, including those related to excavation

Analysis

The highest order count pertained to ensuring that workers had compliant safe access and egress to their work area.

Approximately 25% of orders issued were to constructors or employers regarding their duties related to OHSA.

These are strong indicators that workplace parties still lack safety engagement and an understanding of the OHSA. They show, too, that the Safe at Work Ontario strategy to focus on the Internal Responsibility System remains consistent with current client needs.

Ministry of Labour news...

What's New

What's New is a monthly e-newsletter, featuring the latest ministry news on workplace health and safety, employment standards and labour relations. Keep up-to-date on ministry legislation, operations and resources – all directly from your email inbox.
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/resources/subscribe/index.php

LiveSafe! WorkSmart!

Are you a teacher or educator in Ontario? Are you looking for the newest health and safety information that will help in the classroom? Subscribe to the Ministry of Labour's **LiveSafe! WorkSmart!** newsletter for the latest news, resources and information to help teachers teach students about workplace health and safety.
<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/lsws/september2013.php>

Next steps

The results of this blitz verify the need to continue focused enforcement activity in these areas. Inspectors will continue to focus on hazards linked to excavation that may increase the risk to workers.

Compliance help for employers

For more information on identifying, preventing and controlling these hazards, please contact Ministry of Labor safety partners.

<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/websites.php>

Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB)

www.wsib.on.ca

Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW)

www.ohcow.on.ca

Workers Health & Safety Centre (WHSC)

www.whsc.on.ca

Health & Safety Ontario –

www.healthandsafetyontario.ca

- Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA)
www.ihsa.ca
- Public Services Health & Safety Association (PSHSA)
www.pshsa.ca
- Workplace Safety North (WSN)
www.workplacesafetynorth.ca
- Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (WSPS)
www.wsps.ca

New Online

Court Bulletins

Court Bulletins are announcements about convictions for violations of Ministry of Labour legislation.

www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/news/courtbulletins.php

Minimum Wage Advisory Panel

The Ontario government has appointed an advisory panel to give advice on the province's minimum wage.

ontario.ca/minimumwagereview

Nuclear Reactor Surveillance Program, 2011 Report to the Assurance Monitoring Group

Ministry of Labour's The Radiation Protection Monitoring Service (RPMS) continues to serve as the "watch-dog of Ontario" as it monitors the environment around the province's nuclear installations. The report is online:

www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/rpms/index.php

Roofing Safety

Safety Awareness Seminars for the Low-rise Residential Roofing Sector:

[www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/news/seminars/](http://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/news/seminars/safety-awareness-seminar-low-rise-residential-roofing.pdf)

[safety-awareness-seminar-low-rise-residential-roofing.pdf](http://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/news/seminars/safety-awareness-seminar-low-rise-residential-roofing.pdf)

Fall Inspection Blitz Resources

Construction

www.Ontario.ca/ConstructionSafety

Health Care

Bulletin

http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/news/2013/bul_msdblitz20130827.php

Backgrounder

http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/news/2013/bg_msdblitz20130827.php

Fact Sheet

http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/pubs/fs_msd_healthcare.php

Events

Partners in Prevention, Regional Conference Series

- Kitchener, October 29, 2013
- Forum North – Thunder Bay, November 5-6, 2013
- Niagara Falls, November 20, 2013
- York Region, November 26, 2013

www.healthandsafetyontario.ca/ConferencesEvents/Conferences.aspx

Services

Institute for Work & Health (IWH)

IWH is an independent, not-for-profit research organization that aims to protect and improve the health of working people by providing useful, relevant research to workers, employers, occupational health and safety professionals, disability management professionals, clinicians, policy-makers and more.

416-927-2027 / www.iwh.on.ca Twitter: @iwhresearch

Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW)

OHCOW provides comprehensive occupational health services to workers concerned about work-related health conditions and to workers, unions and employers who need support to prevent these health conditions from developing. OHCOW services are free of charge.

Toll-free: 1-877-817-0336 / www.ohcow.on.ca Twitter: @OHCOWclinics

Workers Health & Safety Centre (WHSC)

As Ontario's designated health and safety training centre, the WHSC provides training for workers, their representatives and employers from every sector and region of the province.

Toll-free: 1-888-869-7950 / www.whsc.on.ca Twitter: @OHS_Training

Health & Safety Ontario

Health & Safety Ontario comprises four health and safety associations working together to get Ontario's workers home safely and achieve our goal of zero work-related injuries, illness and fatalities. <http://healthandsafetyontario.ca/HSO/Home.aspx>

Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA)

Training and services for construction, electrical and utilities, aggregates, natural gas, ready-mix concrete and transportation.

Toll-free: 1-800-263-5024 / www.ihsa.ca Twitter: @IHSAnews

Public Services Health & Safety Association (PSHSA)

Training and services for: hospitals, nursing and retirement homes, residential and community care, universities and colleges, school boards, libraries and museums, municipalities, provincial government and agencies, police, fire and paramedics and First Nations.

Toll Free: 1-877-250-7444 / T: 416-250-2131 / www.pshsa.ca Twitter: @PSHSAca

Workplace Safety North (WSN)

Training and services for (province wide): forestry, mining, smelters, refineries, paper, printing and converting.

Toll-free (Ontario): 1-888-730-7821 / www.workplacesafetynorth.ca

Twitter: @WSN_News

Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (WSPS)

Training and services for agriculture, manufacturing and service sectors.

Toll-free: 1-877-494-9777 / www.wsps.ca Twitter: @WSPS_NEWS

Links to Key Resources

- Ministry of Labour home page
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/
- Health and Safety FAQ
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/faqs/index.php
- Health and Safety Regulations
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/laws/regulations.php
- Occupational Health and Safety Act
www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90o01_e.htm
- A Guide to the Occupational Health and Safety Act
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/ohsa/index.php
- A Guide for Joint Health and Safety Committees and Health and Safety Representatives in the Workplace
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/jhsc/index.php

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- Construction Safety
www.ontario.ca/ConstructionSafety
 - Court Bulletins
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/news/courtbulletins.php
 - Hazard Alerts
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/alerts/index.php#all
 - Health and Community Care
www.ontario.ca/HealthWorkerSafety
 - Inspection Blitzes, Announcements, Results
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/blitzes/index.php
 - Mining Safety
www.ontario.ca/MiningSafety
 - Musculoskeletal Disorders /Ergonomics Resources
www.ontario.ca/MSD
 - Performance Industry
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/performance.php
 - Poster, Health & Safety at Work – Prevention Starts Here
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/poster_prevention.php#download
 - Prevention
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/prevention/index.php
 - Radiation Hazards and Protection
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/radiation.php
 - Safe At Work Ontario
www.ontario.ca/SafeAtWorkOntario
 - Sector Plans
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/sectorplans/index.php
 - Slips, Trips and Fall Hazards Resources
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/falls.php
 - Workplace Safety & Insurance Board
www.wsib.on.ca/en/community/WSI
 - Workplace Violence Resources
www.ontario.ca/WorkplaceViolence
 - Young Workers
www.ontario.ca/YoungWorkers
 - MOL on Twitter
<https://twitter.com/ontminlabour>
 - MOL on Facebook
www.facebook.com/OntarioMinistryofLabour