



"Zero Tolerance" Enforcement Blitz On Falls At Industrial Workplaces

The Ministry of Labour is stepping up enforcement of selected industrial workplaces in September to reduce hazards that can lead to slips and falls.

The increased enforcement is part of the province's [Safe At Work Ontario](#) strategy, launched in June 2008.

Industrial inspectors will blitz transportation, warehousing operations, industrial services and wood and metal fabrication workplaces across Ontario. They will check for fall hazards both on surfaces and at heights, including on platforms, scaffolding, raised floors, mezzanines and ladders.

Inspectors will take a "zero tolerance" approach to any contraventions found under the [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#) and its regulations.

Twenty per cent of workplace injuries are caused by slips, trips and falls. Twenty-seven per cent of fatalities reported in industrial workplaces are the result of falls.

Ministry inspectors will focus on employers, supervisor and workers who are engaged in tasks that could involve fall hazards. They will target establishments:

- identified being within a sector that has a large incidence of falls-related injuries
- known to have highly hazardous processes and equipment
- where complaints have been received, and
- having an overall poor compliance history.

When possible, employers will be encouraged to seek ways to keep workers at ground level and avoid working at heights. They will be required to keep surfaces free of slip and trip hazards.

For workers who must work at heights, inspectors will ensure worker safety by checking for fall arrest equipment, guardrails and the use of inappropriate practices such as climbing up shelving and working on storage racks.

Sector- and hazard-specific inspection blitzes are an important feature of *Safe At Work Ontario*. There is **no** acceptable rate of injury in Ontario workplaces. That's why *Safe At Work Ontario* seeks to:

- improve workplace health and safety culture

- reduce workplace injuries and illness
- reduce the burden on the health care system
- avoid costs for employers and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), and
- level the playing field for safe employers by denying short-term competitive advantage to those who imperil their workers by "cutting corners" on safety.

Services:

- On-site and off-site training.
- Written Policies and Procedures
- Health and Safety Management Plan
- Review Existing Policies and Procedures
- Early and Safe Return to Work
- Workplace Inspections
- Prevention Programs
- On-site Safety Advisors
- Custom Training Development and Implementation
- Online Training

...and much more

Tips for Young Workers (Part II of a II Part Series)

How to protect yourself...

- ⇒ **Learn** to do the job safely.
- ⇒ **Think** the job through.
- ⇒ **Ask, Ask, Ask** — there are **no** stupid questions
- ⇒ **Get Help**—especially if you have to lift something heavy
- ⇒ **Wear the Gear**—Find out what to wear to protect yourself, how to wear it and how to maintain it
- ⇒ **Inform** your supervisor if you see anything unsafe that may hurt you or someone else.

- ⇒ **Report Injuries**—If you get hurt, it's your job to tell your supervisor.
- ⇒ **Talk** to your family about your job, Sometimes they know something you don't.

Signs that a workplace may be unsafe:

- ⇒ Other employees are getting hurt on the job
- ⇒ You work without direct supervision

- ⇒ You have not been trained properly
- ⇒ Equipment is unguarded or broken
- ⇒ Chemical containers aren't labeled
- ⇒ Shortcuts are used to save time
- ⇒ Poor housekeeping and maintenance, e.g. floors are slippery and electrical cords are frayed.

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FALL TRAINING SCHEDULE

<p style="text-align: center;">Forklift Certification – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: August 27th, September 24th, October 15th, November 12th, December 10th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8001</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Forklift Re-Certification – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: October 16th, November 13th, December 11th</p> <p>Cost: \$75 + gst per person # 8002</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WHMIS – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, December 9th</p> <p>Cost: \$99 + gst per person # 8003</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lockout/Tagout – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: September 15th, October 17th, November 20th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8004</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Confined Space Awareness – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: September 19th, October 30th, November 27th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8005</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Due Diligence for Managers – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: October 1st, November 4th, December 5th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8006</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JHSC Certification Part I – Two Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: September 16th/17th, October 21st/22nd, November 18th/19th</p> <p>St Catharines: October 20th/21st, November 17th/18th, December 8th/9th</p> <p>Mississauga: October 27th/28th, November 24th/25th, December 15th/16th</p> <p>Cost: \$395 + gst per person # 8007</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JHSC Certification Part II – Two Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: September 22nd/23rd, October 28th/29th, November 25th/26th</p> <p>St Catharines: October 30th/31st, November 27th/28th</p> <p>Mississauga: November 6th/7th, December 4th/5th</p> <p>Cost: Dependant on number of modules required. # 8008</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">First Aid/CPR – Two Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: October 23rd/24th, December 15th/16th</p> <p>Cost: \$115 + gst per person # 8009</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">First Aid/CPR Re-Certification – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: November 6th</p> <p>Cost: \$70 + gst per person # 8010</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Fall Arrest – Half Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: October 2nd, November 5th, December 8th</p> <p>Cost: \$120 + gst per person # 8011</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Train the Trainer – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: October 7th, December 2nd</p> <p>St Catharines: November 3rd</p> <p>Mississauga: October 15th, December 10th</p> <p>Cost: \$275 + gst per person # 8012</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Forklift Train the Trainer – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: October 8th, December 3rd</p> <p>St Catharines: November 4rd</p> <p>Mississauga: October 16th, December 11th</p> <p>Cost: \$900 + gst per person # 8013</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WHMIS Train the Trainer – Full Day</p> <p>Stoney Creek: October 9th, December 3rd</p> <p>St Catharines: November 5rd</p> <p>Mississauga: October 17th, December 12th</p> <p>Cost: \$900 + gst per person #8014</p>