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"NCA Health & Safety News" provides you with valuable information and assists in your quest to achieve a world-class safety culture. We believe that developing a safe work ethic is a never-ending process that must be part of every business's professional development. Please do not hesitate to contact the office with your input, suggestions or safety questions. We value your feedback!



IHSA 2-Minute News - February 2021

- IHSA Safety Talk: Cold stress
- IHSA.ca Magazine, Vol 20, Issue 3
- Province provides a new tool for screening workers
- IHSA Bulletin: **Workplace Harassment and Anti-Black Racism**
- IHSA training locations remain open across Ontario
- Threads of Life provides new online workshops
- IHSA continues to provide COVID-19 safety resources

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Occupational Health and Safety Links and QR Codes - Workplace Mental Health

The following information was developed by the Niagara Regional Labour Management Health & Safety Committee with the intent of providing information on Occupational Health and Safety. The links and QR Codes can be opened or shared by most mobile devices. It is important to note that this document is for information purposes only and does not constitute or intend to constitute, legal advice or service - [Click Here](#).



Working at Heights Training Standards Five-Year Review



The MLTSD is conducting a review of the Working at Heights Program Standard and Training Provider Standard.

Please consider the consultation paper here:

[https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/showAttachment.do?](https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/showAttachment.do?postingId=35988&attachmentId=47416)

[postingId=35988&attachmentId=47416](https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/showAttachment.do?postingId=35988&attachmentId=47416) and provide your ideas/thoughts/opinions at your early convenience by not later than the end of February, please. The deadline for submissions is March 11, 2021.



WSIB@work Winter - In this issue:

- Financial relief package reminder
- New ways for you to report online
- Winners of the Small Business Health and Safety Leadership Awards announced
- Better mental stress information to help connect people to right supports faster
- Our interactive premium rate calculator for businesses is here
- Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Program of Care updated
- Updated return-to-work policies are now available

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Join the League of Champions on February 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm

Our upcoming webinar **Ways to Support Employees Mental Health During COVID** will provide you with new tools you can use to address one of the biggest challenges in our industry.



The Hon. Michael Tibollo, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions will lead off our discussion. He is an outspoken proponent of recognizing and addressing the challenges of mental health.

Liz Horvath, Manager, Workplace Mental Health, Mental Health Commission of Canada will be speaking about the impact of stress on mental and physical health and safety, and coping strategies to help workers focus and improve their wellbeing. Register [here](#) to join us next week for this key webinar.



MLTSD Labour-Management Report for:

[January 2021](#)

[December 2020](#)

[October 2020](#)

Click above for full reports (critical injuries, fatalities,

Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development
Occupational Health and Safety Branch
Construction Health and Safety Program

Report for the Labour-Management Network, July 2020

Reporting Month Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
May 1 - 31, 2020	0	32	32

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
May 1 - 31, 2019	0	25	25

Fatality & Critical Injury Year-to-Date Overview – Construction

Injury Type	2020		2019	
	January 1 – May 31	January 1 – May 31	January 1 – May 31	January 1 – May 31
Fatal	0	3	3	3
Critical	96	117	117	117

Disclaimer: This information has been prepared to assist workplace parties in understanding their rights and duties under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and its regulations. This information does not constitute legal advice. To determine your rights and duties under the OHSA, please contact your legal counsel or refer to the legislation.

Provincial Coordinator's Comment, incidence details and codes, news)



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[Ontario supporting workers impacted by COVID-19](#)

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[Ontario supporting laid-off auto workers in Windsor](#)

[Ontario supports employers and employees impacted by COVID-19](#)

[Ontario needs skilled talent to help our economy recover and grow](#)

[Ontario proposes consolidation of OHS regulations](#)

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The OEA is hosting a series of FREE webinars on various WSIB topics.



Join us for these informative sessions by registering below.

WSIB Appeals Feb 11, 2021 | Time: 2:00 pm ET [Click Here to Register](#)

This webinar outlines the appeal process, the different levels of appeal, and how to prepare for either your own, or your worker's appeal.

Section 50 Unlawful Reprisals Feb 17, 2021 | Time: 10:00 am ET [Click Here to Register](#)

This webinar explains the process and timelines for responding to a Section 50 unlawful reprisal allegation, and the OEA services available to help employers facing such an allegation.

COVID-19 Update Feb 18, 2021 | Time: 10:00 am ET [Click Here to Register](#)

This webinar provides updates on WSIB matters stemming from the COVID-19 situation and how they may impact employers.

Rate Framework Feb 23, 2021 | Time: 2:00 pm ET [Click Here to Register](#)

This webinar outlines the new 'Rate Framework' and how your company will be assessed going forward. Learn how these changes will affect your company. This webinar is a general level presentation intended for all employers who have some experience dealing with the WSIB from a premium/assessment perspective.

Mental Stress Feb 26, 2021 | Time: 10:00 am ET [Click Here to Register](#)

This webinar outlines the legislative modifications that have changed the handling of mental stress claims, and how mental stress entitlement, both traumatic and chronic, is determined by the WSIB.

A Practical Guide to Return to Work for Employers (Non-Construction) Mar 2, 2021 | Time: 2:00 pm ET [Click Here to Register](#)

This webinar explains the benefits of having a return to work program, your legal obligations under the WSIA, key steps for implementing a return to work program and plan, as well as resolution strategies for disputes in return to work.

A Practical Guide to Return to Work for Employers (Construction) Mar 4, 2021 | Time: 10:00 am ET [Click Here to Register](#)

This webinar explains the benefits of having a return to work program, your legal obligations under the WSIA, key steps for implementing a return to work program and plan, as well as resolution strategies for disputes in return to work.

We look forward to you joining us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at askoea@ontario.ca

H&S Training at the NCA



Stay tuned for upcoming
NCA Training Courses Schedule
(membership discounts)


◆ Live Webinars

◆ Online

Safety courses created to enhance health and safety awareness and help prevent injuries to workers, e.g. Confined Space Safety Awareness, Pipeline Construction Safety Training and more - safety and management courses. Click [HERE](#) for available courses.



Helpful H&S Resources and Information

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We have launched our [PATHS initiative, Partners Aligned Together for Health and Safety](#), formally making a stronger commitment to safety awareness and training.



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