

Be prepared for Ministry of Labour inspection initiative on New and Young Workers

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Welcome to the webinar Be prepared for upcoming MOL inspection initiative

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Agenda What you'll learn

- 1. Introduction and injury statistics
- 2. Why new and young workers are considered vulnerable
- 3. WSN information and resources
- 4. What Ministry of Labour Inspectors will be looking for during the New and Young Worker Initiative
- 5. Q&A



New and Young Workers

- Young Workers
 - Age 15-24
- New Workers
 - New to the workplace
 - Returning to a workplace that has changed
 - New position within the workplace
 - Relocated from out of country or province



New and Young Workers Lost-Time Injuries 2014 through 2018



- Over the 5-year period, new or young workers account for 64% of lost-time injuries (46%+18%) in the Forestry sector.
- Over the same period, new or young workers account for 41% of lost-time injuries (35%+6%) in the Pulp, Paper, Converting industries.

Source: WSIB EIW Claim Cost Analysis, March 2019 Snapshot



New and Young Workers – the risks and why they are vulnerable

New and Young Workers are three times more likely to be injured on their first month on the job than at any other time

- Lack of experience and knowledge
- Unfamiliar with hazards and need your help
- Want to create a good impression by working hard and fast
- Reluctant to report unsafe conditions due to worry about future employment
- Lack of training, orientation and supervision



Greatest sources of influence

Research suggests that youth safety behaviours are influence by a range of people

Workplace Influencers

- Supervisors
- Coworkers

Non-Workplace Influencers

- Parents
- Siblings
- Teachers





Learning and Awareness

- There is more of a need for instruction versus information approaches that incorporate self-advocacy and learning strategies
- Self-Advocacy ability to represent one's views or interests
- Information vs Instructional youth learn best when they can apply knowledge in a workplace setting

Design it into the process



Resource Checklist Cards and how they tie in



Resource Checklist Cards – employer, supervisor, parent-guardian, and worker



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Supervisor Health and Safety Checklist

New and young workers



New and Young Worker Health and Safety - Supervisor Checklist

New and Young Worker Health and Safety - Parent and Guardian Checklist



...to STOP them and request that they get clarification

...to talk to their employer or supervisor about ANY concerns you have

It's

okay..





New and Young Worker – Free online resources

https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca/resources/new-and-young-workershealth-and-safety-resources

- Checklists (Parents, Supervisors, Worker, Employer)
- Orientation Checklists
- Other Resources

"Have the Safety Conversation" Artwork

- Created by high school students
- More than 20 pieces available for exhibit at conferences, safety days, events etc.

Young Worker Safety Workshops

- Awareness
- ½ day Training
- 1-day Specific Workplace Training
- Led by WSN Health and Safety Specialists







Top 5 health and safety orders

Last summer, MOL inspectors visited 1,901 Ontario workplaces and issued 7,675 orders, including 116 stop

Top 5 health and safety orders regarding protection of new and young workers Based on 2018 MOL inspection blitz results https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca/news /news-post/top-5-health-and-safety-ordersregarding-protection-new-and-youngworkers-0

A step-by-step guide: What to expect from a Ministry of Labour visit

How to prepare for Ministry of Labour health and safety inspections and initiatives https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca/news /news-post/step-step-guide-what-expectministry-labour-visit





WSN – Free YouTube videos

https://www.youtube.com/user/WSNp romos/search?query=new%2C+young+ worker



Your local health and safety partner



New young worker industry videos introduce health and safety topics

Canadian Corrugated and Containerboard Association introduces bilingual video series https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca/ news/news-post/new-young-workerindustry-videos-introduce-health-andsafety-topics





- WSN New and Young Worker Employer Guide
 https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca /sites/default/files/WSN_New_Young Worker_Guide_for_Employers.pdf
- WSN New and Young Worker Workplace Safety Posters
- <u>https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca</u> /resources/new-and-young-workerworkplace-safety-posters





New and Young Workers Initiative



May 1 to August 30, 2019 Industrial Health and Safety Program



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Note

This presentation 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 presentation does not constitute legal advice. To determine your rights and duties under OHSA, please contact your legal counsel or refer to the legislation.



Objectives

To provide an overview of the Ministry of Labour's New and Young Workers Initiative - May 1 to August 30, 2019

To outline expectations for Inspectors with respect to the initiative; focus and sectors

To provide information about resources available to assist workplace parties



Safe At Work Ontario

The goal of Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) is to keep workers safe and healthy. The OHSA sets out the health and safety requirements for workplaces across Ontario.

Safe At Work Ontario is the Ministry of Labour's compliance strategy that helps promote safe and healthy workplace practices.



How will this 2019 initiative support SAWO?

- Encourage employers to identify hazards related to new and young workers, so that they can implement corrective action, including developing and implementing control measures and procedures, and worker training to reduce injuries that may occur to these vulnerable workers.
- Promote and raise awareness about the increased risk of injury to new and young workers.
- Promote sustained improvements to workplace culture regarding occupational health and safety.
- Enhance partnerships with Ontario's health and safety system partners.



New and Young Workers Initiative

When?

From May 1 to August 30, 2019, the Ministry of Labour will conduct an initiative focusing on new and young workers in workplaces across Ontario.

- Phase 1: May 1 to August 30, 2019 Compliance assistance and awareness campaign with our health and safety partners
- Phase 2: July 15 to August 30, 2019 Focused inspections campaign

Why?

- Studies show that new and young workers in Ontario are three times more likely to get hurt during their first month on the job than any other time.
- This initiative will provide the ministry with an opportunity to promote compliance with the OHSA.



New and Young Worker Initiative

Where?

 This province-wide initiative will focus on workplaces in the industrial, sectors where new and young workers are known to work.

What?

- The first phase of the initiative will focus on educating workplace parties on their responsibilities regarding new and young workers.
- During phase two, inspectors will conduct proactive workplace inspections to review compliance with the OHSA.



New and Young Workers Initiative

This is the 12th time that this initiative has been conducted

There are two focus groups:

- 1. New young workers 14-24 years, and
- 2. New workers 25 years of age and older who have been on the job less than six months, or who have been reassigned to a new job.

Any new-hire, temporary foreign worker, permanent or temporary workers and any current workers who are assigned new jobs are at increased risk.



Sectors for the 2019 Initiative

Inspectors will focus on the following sectors in their visits:

retail
 restaurants
 food, beverage and tobacco
 tourism, hospitality and recreational services

Inspectors may also visit other workplaces where new and young workers are known to work.



2019 initiative inspector focus

Inspectors will focus on new and young workers in their performance of tasks that may involve workplace hazards, and consider issuing orders or take other enforcement action as necessary in these workplaces where:

- There is a high incidence of lost time injuries among new and young workers;
- □ It is identified as a high priority workplace;
- Historical data indicating workplaces that have highly hazardous processes and equipment, workplaces in respect of which complaints have been received by the Ministry, and overall have poor compliance history;
- New and young workers are often employed, including regular and seasonal employment in workplaces; and
- □ IHSP Inspector local intelligence identifies workplaces not previously visited.



Compliance with the OHSA and its Regulations

- During the 2019 new and young workers initiative, MOL Inspectors will enforce the OHSA and its regulations, including but not limited to the following:
 - Occupational Health and Safety Act, (OHSA)
 - Regulations for Industrial Establishments, Reg. 851
 - <u>Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)</u>, Reg. 860
 - Occupational Health and Safety Awareness and Training, Reg. 297/13
- The workplace parties are required to comply with applicable provisions of the OHSA and its regulations.



Health and Safety Awareness

Training workbooks and accompanying guides for download:

- Worker Health and Safety Awareness in 4 Steps
- <u>Worker Awareness Workbook</u>
- Employer Guide to Worker Health and Safety Awareness in 4 Steps
- Supervisor Health and Safety Awareness in 5 Steps



New and young worker MOL data

There were 24 Fatalities for young workers aged 15 to 24 years for all programs, for the period 2014 to 2018 according to Ministry of Labour data as of April 15, 2019.



New and young worker MOL data

Young worker (15 to 24 years) MOL fatalities

Calendar Year	Construction	Industrial	Health Care	Mining	Total
2014	3	2	0	0	5
2015	3	1	0	1	5
2016	2	2	0	0	4
2017	2	2	0	0	4
2018	2	4	0	0	6
Total	12	11	0	1	24



WSIB Lost-Time Claims Data

- Between 2013 and 2017, the WSIB (Workplace Safety and Insurance Board) approved 34,298 compensation claims involving lost time at work by young workers. In 2017 alone, injuries to young workers resulted in almost 8,000 lost-time claims.
- In 2017, many of the injured young workers aged 15 to 19 years old were food counter attendants and kitchen helpers. Many of the injured young workers aged 20 to 24 years old were labourers working in the processing, manufacturing and utilities sectors.

*Source: 2017 WSIB Statistical Report Schedule 1



2018 New and Young Workers Initiative Results

During the initiative Ministry of Labour inspectors:

- conducted 2,321 proactive visits and 193 field visits in a support rolevisited 1,901 workplaces
- □issued 7,675 orders under the OHSA and its regulations, including 116 stop work orders



2018 Results by Sector

The top 10 sectors, ranked by orders issued

Sector	Orders issued	Stop Work orders issued	Workplaces visited	Field visits	Support role activities
Retail	2,313	31	645	786	32
Restaurants	1,282	9	245	343	17
Tourism, hospitality and recreational services	930	11	182	216	24
Wholesalers	420	9	90	109	11
Food, beverage and tobacco	411	4	91	118	8
Wood and metal fabrication	364	7	74	89	13
Industrial services	343	19	100	114	10
Vehicle sales and service	268	4	54	64	6
Chemical, rubber and plastics	128	6	28	32	5
Automotive	117	0	29	30	2



The most frequently issued OHSA orders involved employers' failure to:

- post in the workplace a copy of the OHSA and any explanatory material provided by the Ministry of Labour [s. 25(2)(i)]—507 orders or 6.61% of total orders and requirements
- □ maintain equipment in good condition [s. 25(1)(b)]—**392** orders or 5.11%
- prepare and review, at least annually, a written occupational health and safety policy, and develop and maintain a program to implement that policy [s. 25(2)(j)]—328 orders or 4.27%
- take reasonable precautions to protect workers' health and safety [s. 25(2)(h)]—320 orders or 4.17%
- □ have a workplace health and safety representative at the workplace [s. 8(1)]—280 orders or 3.65%
- provide information, instruction and supervision to protect workers' health and safety [s. 25(2)(a)]— 185 orders or 2.41%
- review their violence and workplace harassment policies as often as is necessary, but at least annually [s. 32.0.1(1)(c)]—175 orders or 2.28%
- post the employer's workplace violence and harassment policies in the workplace [s. 32.0.1(2)]— 172 orders or 2.24%
- develop and maintain a program to implement the workplace harassment policy [32.0.6(1)]—167 orders or 2.18%
- have a health and safety representative do an inspection of the workplace [s. 8(6)]—141 orders or 1.84%



A total of **1,429** orders were issued under <u>PART III.0.1</u> of the OHSA provisions for workplace violence and harassment. They involved failure of employers to comply with requirements to:

- have workplace violence and harassment policies and programs in place
- provide information and instruction on those policies and programs
- assess or re-assess the risks of workplace violence arising from the nature of the workplace, type of work or conditions of work



As part of checking for worker training and appropriate supervision in workplaces, **851** orders were issued *under O. Reg (Ontario Regulation)*. 297/13: *Occupational Health and Safety Awareness and Training Regulation* for violations involving:

- basic occupational health and safety awareness training for workers [s (section). 1]—465 orders or 6.06%
- basic occupational health and safety awareness training for supervisors [s (section). 2]—379 orders or 4.94%
- maintaining records of basic occupational health and safety awareness training [s (section). 4]—7 orders or 0.09%



A total of **1,881** orders were issued under the following sections of the <u>Regulation 851: Industrial Establishments</u>:

- housekeeping [s (section). 11 to 20]—467 orders or 6.08% of total orders and requirements
- □ fire safety [s (section). 22 to 23]—17 orders or 0.22%
- □ machine guarding [s (section). 24 to 44.2]—277 orders or 3.61%
- □ material handling [s (section). 45 to 66]—721 orders or 9.39%
- □ maintenance and repairs [s (section). 72 to 78]—73 orders or 0.95%
- □ personal protective equipment [s (section). 79 to 86]—105 orders or 1.37%
- □ buildings [s (section). 120 to 123]—**84** orders or 1.09%
- □ industrial hygiene [s (section). 124 to 139]—122 orders or 1.59%

Ministry of Labour Resources

- Young Workers Tip Sheets for Employers, Supervisors, Parents and Workers <u>http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/atwork/youngworkers.php</u>
- Provincial Initiative Schedule and Previous Initiative Results: <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/workplace-inspection-initiatives</u>
- Health and Safety Partners: <u>http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/websites.php</u>

Small business

https://www.ontario.ca/page/health-and-safety-small-businesses Health and Safety Checklist This checklist is for small business owners with 1-5, 6-19 or 20+ workers

Employment Standards

Information Sheets may be printed and distributed https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/pubs/complete.php



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Videos and Photos

MOL Resources

- Auto Body Repair Shops
- □ Commercial Kitchens: Slips, Trips, Falls and Other Hazards
- □ Forklift Safety
- □ <u>Heat Stress</u>
- □ Lab and Shop Safety in Schools
- Loading Dock Safety
- Manual Materials Handling: Industrial Workplaces
- Health and Safety in a Veterinary Clinic

http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/gallery/index.php

External Resources

- https://vimeo.com/technicalstandards/review/250489505/522903cf36
- https://vimeo.com/technicalstandards/review/246804759/26db808361
- http://safetyinfo.ca/



Additional Resources to Provide to Workplace Parties

The following resources can be printed out by the Inspectors and provided to the workplace parties.

- □ <u>Tips for Young Workers</u>
- □ <u>Tips for Parents</u>
- □ <u>Tips for Employers</u>
- New and Young Workers Keep Them Safe



MOL Contact Centre

Call 1–877–202–0008 any time to report critical injuries, fatalities or work refusals.

Call 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday for general inquiries about workplace health and safety.

Always call 911 in an emergency.





Thank You!





Thank you for attending today and helping make workplaces safer.

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