



# NSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Ministry of Labour Blitzes

As part of the Ministry of Labour's Enforcement Blitzes between September 19 2016 and October 31, 2016 which targeted chemical handling at industrial workplaces in Ontario, the goal was to raise employers' awareness and ensure compliance.

803 field visits to 683 workplaces were conducted. 2,887 orders were issued and this included 47 stop work orders and some workplaces were visited several times. The sectors focused on were, Tourism; Hospitality and Recreational Services; Manufacturing; Chemical, Rubber and Plastics; Wood and Metal Fabrication and the Service Sector.

The top three **frequently issued orders** to employers involved failure to ensure:

- equipment, materials and protective devices provided by the employer were maintained in good condition
- workers completed a basic occupational health and safety awareness training program
- every reasonable precaution in the circumstances was taken for the protection of workers

Orders issued for non-compliance were as follows:

**Part III.0.1 of the OHS Act provision for Workplace Violence and Harassment – 318 orders issued**

- have workplace violence and harassment policies and programs
- assess or re-assess the risks of workplace violence arising from the workplace's nature, type of work or conditions of work
- provide information and instruction to workers on the workplace violence and workplace harassment policies and programs

**Occupational Health and Safety Awareness and Training Regulation – 282 orders issued**

- basic occupational health and safety awareness training for workers
- basic occupational health and safety awareness training for supervisors
- training records

**Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System Regulation – 231 orders issued**

- failure to provide instruction to workers
- failure to provide product labelling and lack of material safety data sheet and/or safety data sheets

Employers, supervisors, workers, Joint Health and Safety Committees and health and safety representatives must work together to identify and control hazards, and ensure the OHS Act and Regulations are met or exceeded as part of their Internal Responsibility System.

You can view the newest Blitz planned for Supervisors Awareness and Accountability for Construction at the address below:

[https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/pubs/fs\\_supervisoryconstruction.php](https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/pubs/fs_supervisoryconstruction.php)

Visit our website for dates for our Supervisor Competency Training, JHSC Certification and Working at Heights Certification or call to arrange on-site training for larger groups.



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