



# **NSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

## **March 2018**

### **Regulation 851**

#### **Industrial Establishments Regulation Amendment Proposal**

#### **Occupational Health and Safety Act**

The Ministry of Labour (the ministry) is proposing various amendments to Regulation 851 (Industrial Establishments) under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA). Regulation 851 applies to a variety of different workplaces in Ontario, including offices and office buildings, factories, arenas, shops, restaurants and logging operations. The regulation sets out sector-specific requirements that protect the health and safety of Ontarians who work in these workplaces.

The ministry has prepared a consultation paper for public review and comment which highlights the proposed amendments to Regulation 851, which are intended to:

- ✓ Update existing requirements regarding guardrails, fall protection, protection against drowning, signalers, eyewash fountains and deluge showers to reflect current workplace practices, processes and technologies;
- ✓ Add new requirements for risk assessments and traffic management programs that are similar to recent amendments to Regulation 854 (Mines and Mining Plants);
- ✓ Add new requirements for scaffolds and suspended access equipment, similar to existing requirements currently set out in O. Reg. 213/91 (Construction Projects);
- ✓ Add new, specific requirements for storage racks and for high visibility safety apparel for signalers to improve worker health and safety and to improve clarity and transparency regarding compliance expectations; and
- ✓ Make additional amendments for clarification and to increase alignment between OHSA regulations.

**We have attached the full PDF of the Regulation 851 Amendment Proposal to the bottom of this newsletter**

**If you have any questions regarding the information, please contact our office**

#### **Ministry Blitz for February – March**

February 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018 – Mining – Health and Safety - Compliance on Personal Protective Equipment and High Visibility Clothing

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