
Inspectors Crack Down On Construction Equipment Hazards

McGuinty Government Committed To Protecting Workers

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Ontario is making construction sites safer by checking for hazards related to the operation and maintenance of equipment and the handling of materials.

Ministry of Labour inspectors will visit construction workplaces during heightened enforcement activity in June and July 2010. They will look specifically at the:

- operation and maintenance of construction equipment, and
- training and supervision of workers using the equipment and those working nearby.

The heightened enforcement campaigns are conducted as part of the government's [Safe At Work Ontario](#) strategy. Keeping more workers safe means increased productivity for Ontario's economy and less strain on the health care system.

QUOTE

"The Government of Ontario and its workplace partners remain committed to eliminating all workplace injuries. Workers deserve to come home to their families each day, safe and sound."
— Peter Fonseca, Minister of Labour

QUICK FACTS

- Five of 16 construction site worker fatalities in Ontario in 2009 resulted from direct contact with construction equipment or the material that the equipment was moving.
- Between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2008, 34 Ontario workers died after being struck or crushed by construction equipment or by the material they were handling with that equipment.

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