

Get ready for the

MOL BLITZ

on falls in
construction



In the industries served by IHSA, falls are still one of the leading causes of fatalities and critical injuries. Although the number of lost-time injuries caused by falls in 2012 went down by 9.6 per cent, there were still 1,989 Ontario workers who fell last year. Some of those injuries were critical and some even fatal. So there's still more we need to do to raise awareness about fall hazards. For that reason, the Ministry of Labour (MOL) is conducting a blitz on falls starting in September.

Throughout September and October, MOL inspectors will pay close attention to fall hazards when they visit construction jobsites. They will be looking at everything related to falls, from suspended access equipment to ladder use. They will look for evidence that all workers have completed fall prevention training and that they are familiar with the hazards and controls used on the jobsite.

Specifically, inspectors will focus on hazards associated with:

- guardrails
- inadequate or improper use of fall protection
- inadequate fall protection training
- access to and egress from a work platform
- the use and construction of scaffolds
- improper work platforms
- power-elevated work platforms
- suspended access equipment
- ladders.

For more info on the upcoming blitz, visit the **News and Events** section of our website or scan the QR code.

Resources

IHSA is here to help you and your workers prepare for this blitz. Many of the articles in this magazine will tell you what you can do to prevent falls by eliminating the hazards. In addition to the valuable information here, you will find more free resources on our website. Visit the **Fall Prevention and Working at Heights** topic page at ihsa.ca/topics_hazards to download free safety talks, posters, and prevention tips.

Training

IHSA's *Working at Heights: Fundamentals of Fall Prevention* training program has set the standard for fall prevention training in the province. If your workers haven't been trained yet, register them today at ihsa.ca/training

