



Does your working at heights training **meet the purpose of the new standard?**

Falls are a major cause of injuries and death in Ontario workplaces, and most of those falls are from heights. Employers in the province must provide workers with fall protection training if the workers will be exposed to fall hazards. Previously, there was no process in place to ensure the quality of that training. That changed with the publication of the Ontario Ministry of Labour's (MOL) new Working at Heights Training Standard.

This standard lays out what each student who takes working at heights training needs to learn so that everyone in the province will receive consistent and quality training. Standardized training means that employers can be confident that their workers will be able to recognize fall hazards at the worksite and take steps to control or eliminate them.

It's an important change that can save lives and prevent life-altering injuries. That's why we've devoted this special edition of *IHSA.ca Magazine* to the topic. We're taking a look at the new Working at Heights Training Standard, its history, and its creation. We'll also talk to some people who were responsible for developing it or who represent the groups that will be affected by it.

So take a look at the articles in this edition of the magazine and watch for updates in future issues and publications. As more information becomes available, we'll be sure to let you know.