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## **Looking for Joint Health and Safety Committees (JHSCs) to participate in a research study!!**

Does your company have a JHSC? Would your company like to test a new tool looking at JHSC effectiveness?

If you are interested in participating or have questions about this study, please email the Research Associate, Arlinda Ruco at [aruco@vha.ca](mailto:aruco@vha.ca).

### **Study Information**

**Study Title:** Testing the JHSC Assessment eTool in the Construction Sector

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Joint Health and Safety Committees (JHSCs) play a critical role in a safe and healthy workplace. Recently, there has been critical discussion around the functioning and effectiveness of JHSCs. Our team recently developed and tested a tool that assesses the effectiveness of JHSCs (JHSC Assessment eTool). The tool was tested within the healthcare and education sector with favourable results. However, we don't know whether the tool is useful and relevant to the construction sector. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the usability and feasibility of the JHSC Assessment eTool in the construction sector.

Participating in the study will include completing the JHSC Assessment Tool as a group with your committee during a regularly scheduled meeting. In addition, each member will be asked to complete a short online survey regarding your feedback on the functionality, content and value of the tool. This study has been approved by the Research Ethics Board at the University of Toronto. **Committees will receive a \$50 gift card for participating in the study.**

If you think you and your committee might be interested in participating, please email Arlinda Ruco at [aruco@vha.ca](mailto:aruco@vha.ca).