



Monthly News & Updates

July | 2024

MLITSD News and Events

Construction Health and Safety Program Report

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) puts together a report for the Provincial Labor Management Health and Safety Committee each month with an overview of events, court bulletins, and statistics. This report is generally available the first week of the month and is posted on the IHSA website.

[Access report](#)

2024-2025 Compliance Campaign

Construction

From April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, MLITSD Construction inspectors will be focusing on **falls from heights** in single family residential and multi-family residential construction, as well as **struck-by** material, equipment and vehicles.

To assist stakeholders with achieving compliance IHSA is highlighting the following resources this month:

Falls hazards on roofs and use of SRL's

- **Self-Retracting Devices with Leading Edge Capabilities (W255)**
- **Take extra precautions with lanyards, self-retracting devices, and lifelines near a leading edge (Article)**
- **Health And Safety Advisory: SRLs**

Specialized Professional Service

From April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, the MLITSD will have two on-going compliance campaigns:

- **Worker exposures to chemical agents in the workplace, and**
- **WHMIS training based on the amended Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR)**

To assist stakeholders with achieving compliance during the year-long campaigns, IHSA is highlighting the following resources this month:

- **IHSA's Silica Control Tool topic page**
- **Silica Control Tool**

- for Leading Edge Work (W252)
- **Keep Your Promise video - falls**

Heavy Equipment & Storage of Material

- **Struck By Incidents and Heavy Equipment (IHSA046)**
- **Health and Safety Advisory: Working Safely Around Heavy Equipment (W455)**
- **H&S Advisory: Attachments – Quick Couplers (W450)**
- **Safety talk on Securing Loads**
- **Plan your jobsite using IHSA's W402**

- **Current occupational exposure limits for Ontario workplaces**
- **Amendments to the Hazardous Products Regulation**
- **WHMIS - A guide to the legislation**

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Legislative Updates

Consultation on potential circumstances where digging may continue beyond the locate validity period without having to request a new locate

The Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD) is considering developing a new regulation under the One Call Act that would change locate requirements in prescribed circumstances.

This potential regulation is intended to address stakeholder concerns regarding delays to construction projects and financial burdens related to legislated requirements that a new locate is required once the locate validity period has expired (minimum of 60 days). The ministry is considering permitting the continuation of digging beyond the locate validity period in prescribed circumstances and is seeking stakeholder feedback on the proposed approach.

Feedback on this issue is being collected until **July 22**. Provide your comments or learn more about this issue by clicking on the button below.

Learn more and provide feedback

Keep up-to-date on MLITSD hazard alerts

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development has compiled a list of hazard alerts in order to assist employers, supervisors, and workers understand the unique dangers that could lead to injury or worse.

Access the MLITSD Workplace hazard alert page

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Don't forget! IHSA Health and Safety Award nominations close in August

Nominate Now!

Nominations are open for this year's IHSA Health and Safety Awards.

To recognize an individual or firm that embodies health and safety excellence, please submit nomination forms **before August 31, 2024, at 4 pm**

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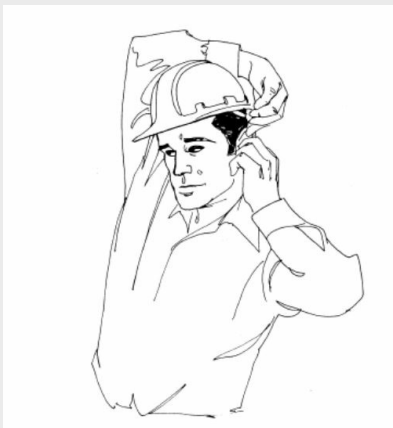
The Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA) is currently seeking applications to fill one (1) Management representative that meets the following requirements;

Employees of members designated to the transportation and warehousing industry sector in the following rate groups/NAICS and class codes:

- Class F1: Rail, water, truck, transportation, and postal services
- Class F2: Air, transit, ground passenger, recreational, and pipeline transportation, courier services, and warehousing

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Featured IHSA resources



Hearing protection advisory: ear plugs versus ear buds

When workers are exposed to noise for too long or at levels that are too loud, this can cause irreversible damage that results in hearing loss known as noise induced hearing loss (NIHL). Some workers have been using ear buds as hearing protection devices (HPDs).

IHSA has created a new hearing protection advisory about these devices and if they should be used in place of ear plugs. You can also find additional resources on hearing protection on the **IHSA website**.

Download the advisory



Temporary bracing for long-span wood trusses

Erecting roof trusses is a high-risk activity. The work is typically carried out above the ground, and trusses are not stable until they are sufficiently braced.

Missing or improperly installed temporary bracing is frequently linked to incidents involving the structural collapse of long-span roofs during the erection process.

This document outlines best practices for the temporary bracing of long-span wood trusses, including guidance on three methods of bracing depending on a project's circumstances.

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New videos highlight IHSA member hazards

IHSA's YouTube channel features short and insightful videos on a variety of hazards that IHSA members may face. The most recent videos include:

- [How to set up a travel restraint system when working at heights](#)
- [Chain slings: A general overview](#)
- [Reporting requirements for accidents, injuries, and fatalities](#)

[Visit the IHSA YouTube channel](#)

IHSA updates this channel regularly so don't forget to visit often to see what's new.



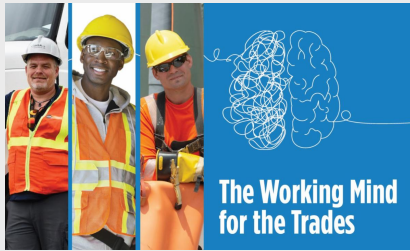
Latest podcast episodes available

The **IHSA Safety Podcast** is a free podcast that seeks to improve the lives of workers in Ontario. The latest episodes include:

Episode 84: Diversity and inclusion in the workplace

Episode 85: MLITSD's 2024-2025 occupational hygiene compliance initiatives

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IHSA partners with Mental Health Commission of Canada to launch training for the trades

IHSA is partnering with Opening Minds, a division of the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) to pilot a new training program designed to reduce stigma surrounding mental illness in trade-sector workplaces.

[Register for manager training](#)

[Register for worker training](#)

The courses have been adapted for trades sectors from Opening Minds' *The Working Mind*, an evidence-based learning program developed to help Ontario workplaces better understand mental illness and foster psychologically healthy and safe working environments.

Industry News and Events



Level Up your team's knowledge of opioid and substance harms

People working in labour-intensive industries experience the highest rates of drug poisoning in Canada. Last year, Canada recorded a shocking [22 opioid-related deaths per day](#)—half of those that died were working in a labour-intensive job at the time of their death.

[Learn More](#)

Level Up is a digital tool that helps raise workers' awareness about substance harms in the industry, and know where to go to access help if they or someone they know is struggling. It's completely confidential and free to check out from a computer or smartphone.

MSA releases white paper on updates to CSA standard on self-retracting devices

The updated CSA Z259.2.2-17 standard for Self-retracting Devices (SRDs) includes key changes that you should be aware of. This document covers all the major updates, including new definitions, revised classifications, and inspection



requirements.

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What's new

Stay updated on current news from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development



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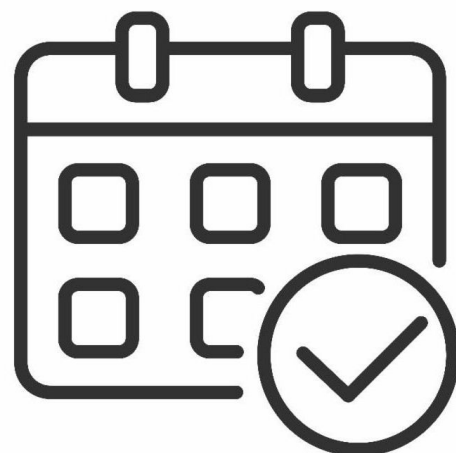
Access monthly updates, news, and events from the Fleet Safety Council and the transportation industry that IHSAs supports.

Visit the Fleet Safety Council
website



Industry Dates

Canada Day - July 1
National Injury Prevention Day - July 5
International Self-Care Day - July 24
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - July 30
National Drowning Prevention Week - third week



Watch here for a list of upcoming industry events and dates throughout the year. **Have an important date to include?** Email **Ariel White** with details.



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