



Ministry of Labour releases 2012-2013 inspection blitz schedule

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) has announced the upcoming schedule of inspection blitzes or periods of heightened enforcement. These extra inspections allow MOL inspectors to focus on some of the most common root causes of hazards in those sectors facing the highest number of injuries.

The MOL has undertaken these inspections as part of the Safe at Work Ontario strategy, which places greater focus on companies that have higher injury rates, or that have a higher risk of incidents due to their industry, size of business, and other factors.

In 2011, the MOL conducted over 12 inspection blitzes, and many of them covered sectors in which IHSA member firms work. During these inspections, 23,386 orders were issued, including 1,116 stop work orders.

Over the course of these blitzes, IHSA will help provide prevention tools and resources such as articles in our *Health & Safety Magazine*, in *2-Minute News*, and at ihsa.ca. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of these publications or in special blitz features on the website.

Construction/ Aggregates

May - August 2012

New and Young Workers

June 2012

Struck by Objects
(Hazards associated with traffic control during roadwork)

July - August 2012

Tower Cranes / Mobile Cranes
(Hoisting hazards)

July 2012

Pits and Quarries, Sand and Gravel Pits
(Hazards associated with the haulage process)

September - October 2012

Supervisory Engagement in Construction
(Supervisory responsibilities / training and requirements under Section 14 of Reg. 213/91)

February - March 2013

Slips, Trips and Falls
(Ladder safety and fall protection hazards)

Industrial

May - August 2012

New and Young Workers

October - November 2012

Machine guarding, MSDs, workplace violence (Manufacturing)

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