

IHSA helps businesses improve motor vehicle and mobile equipment safety as the MLTSD ramps up inspections

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The Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA) is notifying its members that Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development (MLTSD) has begun the first of four planned education and enforcement blitzes for 2022.

Through to June 30, the Ministry and IHSA are expanding their outreach to raise awareness of the health and safety hazards associated with motor vehicles and mobile equipment. A period of proactive MLTSD inspection will also take place from May 1 to June 30.

Motor vehicle collisions are one of the leading causes of work-related injuries and deaths in Ontario. Likewise, struck-by incidents (including those involving vehicles and mobile equipment) are among the most common causes of lost-time injuries.

IHSA offers a number of resources to help members in the construction, transportation, and electrical utilities sectors comply with legislated standards for controlling hazards—and go above and beyond to improve their health and safety practices. That means not only reducing motor vehicle, mobile equipment, and struck-by risk, but also maintaining and enhancing safe-rigging practices, and ensuring operator competence.

In partnership with the Ministry, IHSA has produced on-demand webinars (for both the [construction](#) and [industrial](#) sectors) that review the inspection initiative's rationale, focus areas, and more. Informative [podcasts](#) will also detail what inspectors will be looking for and how IHSA can help workplaces to ensure they're prepared.

And businesses can continue to access many proven IHSA resources, including:

- **Road Safety Solutions** – An [online portal](#) to help businesses build their road safety program, access practical resources, and register for training.
- **IHSA topic pages** – Full listings of IHSA's tools, training, and products related to:
 - [Motor vehicle incidents](#)
 - [Struck-by hazards](#)
 - [Traffic control](#)
 - [Heavy equipment](#)
 - [Distracted driving](#)
 - [Driver fatigue](#)
 - [Yard safety](#)

- **Manuals and guidelines** – Easy-to-understand manuals on workplace health and safety topics, including a comprehensive [Construction Health and Safety Manual](#), [Hoisting and Rigging Safety Manual](#), and [Safety Talks Manual](#) covering more than 140 subjects.
- **Training and eLearning** – [Industry-leading courses](#) taught by IHSA experts, on topics including defensive driving, distracted driving, motor vehicle incident prevention, and mobile crane operation.

As Ontario’s trusted health and safety resource, IHSA’s goal is to improve the lives of workers in the construction, transportation, and electrical utilities industries. For more information and updates during the Ministry’s education and enforcement initiative—and for health and safety information throughout the year—connect with IHSA on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).