



THE EMPLOYERS'Edge BULLETIN

SAFETY BLITZ TARGETS CONSTRUCTION SITES

As part of the McGuinty Government's commitment to eliminating workplace injuries and as part of its initiative on Safe at Work Ontario, a safety blitz is to commence on construction sites in March 2009.

During this blitz inspectors will focus on conditions that could result in workers being struck, trapped or crushed by moving equipment or improperly secured building materials.

Inspectors will take a "zero tolerance" approach to contraventions of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and its regulations.

In particular, Inspectors will focus on:

- The quality of equipment operators' training and supervision
- Adherence to equipment manufacturers' operating instructions
- The presence and use of roll-over protection
- The adequacy of equipment maintenance
- Proximity to overhead power lines
- The adequacy of excavation shoring
- Worker exposure to carbon monoxide
- Procedures for handling materials safely, and
- The protection of workers from being struck by construction equipment or road traffic.

Inspectors will note contraventions and discuss with the workplace parties any issues they may have with the work or work procedures.

Crawford Chondon & Partners LLP will continue to keep you updated on any further Ministry of Labour initiatives, or blitzes in the area of Occupational Health and Safety.

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