

# Health & Safety Anywhere



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## Day of Mourning, April 28

The National Day of Mourning is observed annually on April 28 to remember those who have died, been injured or suffered illness in the workplace. Please join us in lighting a digital candle in honour of these workers and many families, friends and colleagues whose lives have been deeply affected by these tragedies.

Every worker has the right to return home safely at the end of every work day. By working together, we can prevent worker injuries and deaths.

[Light a Candle](#)

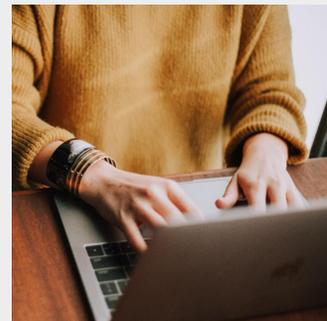


## Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) Learner Survey

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) has launched the Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) Learner Survey - a voluntary survey for learners who have successfully completed an approved JHSC Certification training program.

The deadline to complete the survey is **April 29, 2022**.

[Learn More](#)



## Updated COVID-19 Resource Centre

As COVID-19 public health measures and restrictions gradually ease, employers continue to have a duty to protect their workers. Check out our newly updated COVID-19 Resource Centre for support during this time of transition.

[Learn More](#)





# Classroom Training Is Back!

Coming May 2022



Public Services Health  
& Safety Association

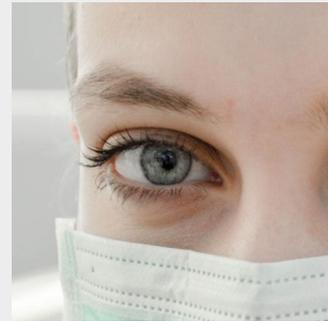
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## Masking Requirements Continue in Select Indoor Settings

The Chief Medical Officer of Health is maintaining existing provincial masking requirements in select higher-risk indoor settings until **June 11, 2022**.

Provincial masking requirements are being extended in current settings, including:

- public transit
- health care settings
- long-term care homes
- retirement homes
- shelters and other congregate care settings that provide care and services to medically and socially vulnerable individuals



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## Say What? Investigating the Long-Term Impacts of Noise

April 27 is **International Noise Awareness Day** (INAD)! Established in 1996 by the Center for Hearing and Communication, INAD was created to raise awareness and educate the public about the harmful effects of noise on hearing, health and quality of life.



[Learn More](#)

## NFPA 1585, Standard for Exposure and Contamination Control Available For Public Review

There is a proposed new **National Fire Protection Association** (NFPA) standard on on the minimum

requirements for an exposure and contamination control program for emergency services incident scene operations and training. The draft standard addresses what has been included within the cancer prevention checklist and what is encouraged for fire department cancer prevention, hygiene and decontamination programs.

The draft standard is available for public review through to **June 1, 2022**.

[Learn More](#)



## Let's Walk Together in Steps for Life!

After two years of distancing and isolation, it's time to do something together! **Steps for Life** is a chance to unite around a worthwhile health and safety cause. Steps for Life is a national fundraising and awareness walk aimed at promoting the importance of workplace health and safety, and supporting families affected by work-related fatalities, life-altering injuries and occupational disease.

A blend of in-person and virtual events are planned for this spring. You can walk on your own or team up with family, friends and colleagues. When we take Steps for Life, wherever we walk **#WeWalkTogether!**



[Learn More and Register](#)

On April 28, we remember all those who suffered a workplace death, injury or illness.

DAY OF MOURNING



[wsibdayofmourning.ca](http://wsibdayofmourning.ca)

## Updates from Ontario's Prevention System

### Upcoming Health & Safety Compliance Initiatives

Each year, the MLTSD schedules compliance initiatives in

specific sectors to protect workers' rights under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Employment Standards Act, enhance employers' awareness of their responsibilities, and support health and safety in the workplace. All initiatives consist of two phases: an education, outreach and awareness phase followed by an inspection blitz.

The full 2022-23 Provincial Health and Safety Compliance Initiative Schedule is now available. A few initiatives impacting the public sector commence this April and May, including:

- High Risk Traumatic Hazards – struck-bys, motor vehicle and mobile equipment hazards
- Temporary Help Agencies
- Workplace Violence in Education
- Material Handling Strategy
- Respiratory Protection (hygiene)
- Asbestos in Building Structures (hygiene)

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## Ontario Launching First-Ever Review of Occupational Illness

Conducted by the [MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions](#) at St. Michael's Hospital, an independent research centre with expertise in studying complex community health issues, the review will evaluate how occupational illnesses in Ontario are identified, monitored and prevented. The results of the review are expected to deliver lasting change for injured workers and their families.

[Learn More](#)



## Research Funding to Help Improve Workplace Safety, Prevent Injuries and Reduce Mental Health Stigma

Ontario is investing \$5.5 million in ground-breaking workplace health and safety research led by the [Enhancing Prevention of Injury and Disability at Work \(EPID@Work\)](#) Research Institute at Lakehead University. The funding will contribute to the Institute's leading research in several key areas, including reducing mental health stigma in the workplace and designing injury prevention programs for vulnerable workers in Northwestern Ontario.

[Learn More](#)



## NEW: View Registered WSIB Claim Information Online

Businesses can now enroll to view registered claim information through their WSIB online services account any time, including:

- Claim status
- Latest payments
- Approved benefits

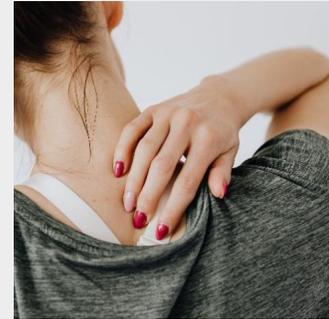
Businesses can also submit documents right to the selected claim file and submit messages about claims all in one convenient place. Having access to real-time claim updates lets businesses get the information they need, when they need it, simplifying the process and making it easier to participate in the return-to-work process.



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## WSIB to Explore Increased Compensation for Injured Workers

The [Workplace Safety and Insurance Board \(WSIB\)](#) is exploring an increase in compensation for workers who become injured or ill on the job. The plan to raise benefits would direct more money to injured workers and families, while minimizing the impact on the Board's financial health and employers' premium rates.

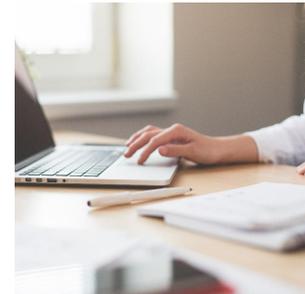


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## Upcoming Distance Learning Courses

Distance Learning is facilitator-led training delivered online in real-time, providing participants with the same critical content and access to expert guidance as the classroom equivalent.

[Browse All Distance Learning Courses](#)



## FEATURED

### JHSC Certification Refresher

This 1-day CPO-approved virtual instructor-led course is a refresher to JHSC Certification Parts 1 and 2 training programs, and is appropriate for JHSC members in all sectors. JHSC members who became certified after March 1, 2016 are required to complete Refresher training within 3 years of being certified and every 3 years thereafter to maintain certification status.

JHSC Certification Refresher training reviews key concepts from JHSC Certification Parts 1 and 2 training and includes relevant updates to OHS legislation and best practices.



[Learn More](#)



### JHSC Certification Part 1

May 10 -  
12

May 24 -  
26

June 7 - 9



### JHSC Certification Part 2, All Workplaces

May 3 - 4

May 10 -  
11

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### R2 For Leaders: Building Resilient Organizations

April 7

April  
28

May 9



### Mental Health Stay at Work and Return to Work for Healthcare Organizations

September  
14

October  
18

November  
15



### Training the Fit Tester for Respiratory Protection

April 7

May 4

May  
10



### Designated Officer

May  
11

June 8

October  
12

**Don't Forget to Check out our Free  
Recorded Webinars**

**Start Learning**

## COVID-19 Resources for Employers & Workers

Visit our [COVID-19 Resource Centre](#) for information about how to protect yourself, what to do if you're experiencing symptoms, job guidance for employers and workers, and more.



As always, please [contact your Consultant](#) with any specific occupational health & safety questions you may have.

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