Fall Safety Blitzes Target Workplace Hazards
McGuinty Government Committed to Preventing Worker Injuries

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Ontario is helping workers stay safe on the job by launching four targeted safety blitzes at workplaces across the province this fall.

Between September and December, blitzes will focus on:

- September – October 2012 — supervision at construction sites.
- October – November 2012 — machine guarding hazards and repetitive strain injuries in manufacturing and industrial workplaces.
- November – December 2012 — transfer of ore in underground mines.

During blitzes, inspectors will check on condition and maintenance of safety equipment, worker training, the use of safety equipment and other potential health and safety hazards to help prevent workplace injuries.

Protecting workers on the job is part of the McGuinty government’s continued commitment to preventing workplace injuries through its Safe at Work Ontario strategy, while creating jobs.

QUOTES

“Our goal is to protect the health and safety of Ontario workers at construction, industrial, health care and mining workplaces. We believe every worker has the right to return home safe and sound at the end of each work day.”
— Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Labour

“We’re working to improve health and safety and prevent injuries and deaths at Ontario workplaces. These blitzes will help raise awareness of some of the hazards that can lead to tragedy.”
— George Gritziotis, Chief Prevention Officer

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- The blitzes are part of Ontario’s enforcement strategy to increase compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its regulations.
- This past summer, blitzes also targeted new and young workers, temporary help agencies and construction traffic, tower cranes and pits and quarries.
- Since 2008, ministry inspectors have conducted more than 345,000 field visits, 43 inspection blitzes and issued more than 560,000 compliance orders in Ontario workplaces.
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Read more about Ontario’s Safe at Work Ontario strategy to improve workplace health and safety.

Learn about the ministry’s Sector Plans 2012-2013.

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