



## MEMBER BULLETIN

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# Ontario Launches 2016 Workplace Blitz Schedule

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) has published its schedule of workplace blitzes for 2016. From May 2, 2016 to March 31, 2017, MOL inspectors will visit workplaces to investigate potential violations of Ontario's employment standards and occupational health and safety laws. In particular, sectors with vulnerable workers and a history of violations will be targeted.

Employment standards officers will specifically be checking for violations that affect the pay, overtime, and work hours of:

- temporary foreign workers;
- young workers; and,
- employees of repeat violators.

These initiatives are part of the Government of Ontario's ongoing initiative to protect workers and ensure they are safe and treated fairly at Ontario workplaces.

The blitz schedule affecting construction worksites is posted below for your reference:

### ***Provincial Blitzes:***

Focus	Program	Sector/Business Type	Date
Temporary Foreign Workers	Employment Standards	Food Services, Retail Trade, Construction and other sectors known to employ temporary foreign workers	May 2, 2016 – June 30, 2016
Young Workers	Employment Standards	Food Services, Retail Trade, Construction and other sectors known to employ young workers	May 2, 2016 – June 30, 2016
Falls	Health and Safety	Construction	May 16, 2016 – July 15, 2016



Mobile Cranes and Material Hoisting	Health and Safety	Construction	August 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016
Repeat Violators / Zero Tolerance	Employment Standards	Professional Services, Services to Buildings and Dwellings, Other Amusement and Recreation Industries, Personal Care Services and other sectors with repeat violators	September 1, 2016 – October 31, 2016
Electrical Hazards	Health and Safety	Construction	November 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

**Regional Blitzes:**

Focus	Program	Sector/Business Type	Date
Central East	Health and Safety	<b>Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toilets / Wash up Facilities</li> </ul>	January 1, 2017 – February 28, 2017
Central West	Health and Safety	<b>Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finishing Trades</li> </ul>	July 1, 2016 – July 31, 2016
Eastern	Health and Safety	<b>Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspections of wood frame structures</li> </ul>	April 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016
Northern	Health and Safety	<b>Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicles, machines, tools and equipment</li> </ul>	June 1, 2016 – July 31, 2016

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