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**GETTING STARTED**  **HOW DOES YOUR WORKPLACE STACK UP?**

- Is equipment, such as ladders, scaffolds, bucket lifts, in good condition and used properly?
- Is lighting adequate so workers can see clearly?
- Are good housekeeping standards set and followed?
- Are snow, ice and liquids on walking and working surfaces promptly cleared/cleaned?
- Are workers and supervisors trained before work starts?
- Are written job procedures available, understood and followed by workers?
- Is required personal protective equipment (e.g., appropriate footwear) in good condition?
- Is fall-arrest equipment worn when working from heights?
- Are incidents and injuries investigated to find and eliminate the root cause?

*Source: WSIB 2000

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**Do you know your legal obligations?**

Not complying with the law can result in injuries, illnesses and deaths as well as:
- Compliance and stop work orders
- Prosecutions
- Fines
- Imprisonment

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**The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board provides:**
- Links to your health and safety association
- Information on the costs of workplace injuries
- Help with return to work and claims management
For more information, call 1-800-663-6639 or visit www.wsib.on.ca.

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**The Industrial Accident Prevention Association:**
- Basic and technical consulting services
- Training
- Products
- Information
For more information, call 1-800-406-IAPA (4272) or visit www.iapa.on.ca.

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**The Ministry of Labour:**
- Ensures compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and regulations;
- Investigates critical injuries, fatalities and work refusals; and
- Responds to health and safety complaints.
For more information see the blue pages of your telephone book for the local MOL office or visit www.gov.on.ca/LAB/.

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