

# Falls cost us all!

## Do you know your legal obligations?

Not complying with the law can result in injuries, illnesses and deaths as well as:

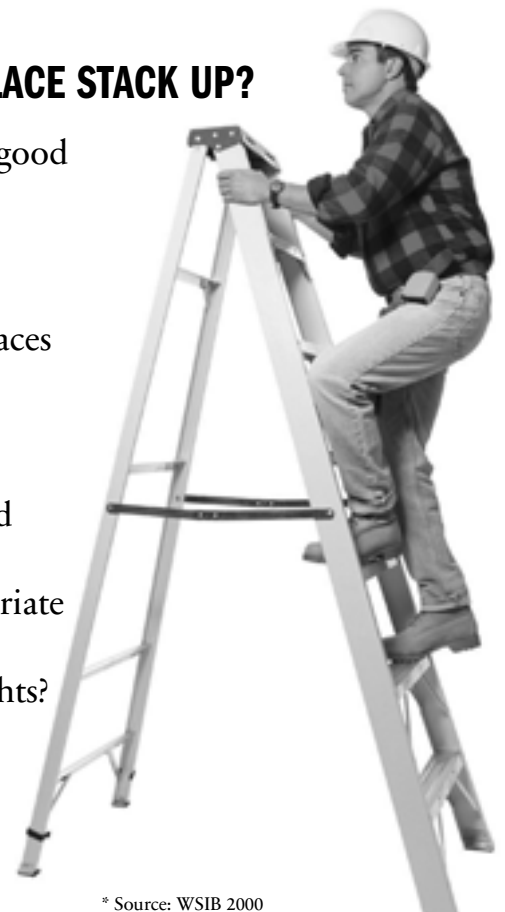
- Compliance and stop work orders
- Prosecutions
- Fines
- Imprisonment

- ▶ Every day, **80 people are injured** from falls at work.
- ▶ On average, each injury results in **4 weeks of lost time.\***

## 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 to, 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?

***If you are unsure or answer "NO" to any of the above questions, get help.***



\* Source: WSIB 2000



### 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](http://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](http://www.iapa.on.ca).



### 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/](http://www.gov.on.ca/LAB/).