



The Future Of Workplace Safety In Ontario

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In late December, 2010, a 10-person Expert Advisory Panel on Occupational Health And Safety released a wide-ranging report recommending significant changes to the OHS system in Ontario. Amongst the recommendations, many of which are expected to result in structural changes to the OHS system or amendments to OHS legislation in the next year are:

- that the government create a new prevention organization to focus the OHS system, increase available information to the employer community, reward and accredit positive health and safety systems by employers;
- mandatory training for new workers, supervisors, health and safety representatives;
- that enforcement be more stringent for businesses that engage in "serious and willful" contraventions;
- changes to worker complaints of reprisal, or adverse employer action when they report a health and safety concern;
- mandatory fall protection training;
- administrative monetary penalties imposed by tribunals in addition to court-imposed fines.



For the complete Heenan Blaikie OHS Group analysis of potential future changes, see:
http://www.heenan.ca/en/media/BioXML_PublicationsHB/pdf_file/ENEWS_OHS_Management+Update_2011-01-26_Tor_EN_EMAIL.pdf

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