Human Resources Legislative Update

MOL Safety Blitz Targets High-Risk Construction Trades

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The Ontario government has announced that effective March 1, 2012, Ministry of Labour inspectors are targeting high-risk construction trades in a month-long safety blitz intended to protect workers from preventable workplace injuries.

Inspectors will visit construction projects employing workers in high-rise formwork, low-rise formwork and masonry, siding and built-up roofing work, and specifically check that:

- work areas are safe from hazards that cause dangerous slips, trips or falls; and
- workers are using fall protection systems properly and equipment such as ladders, platforms and scaffolds.

This blitz is in addition to regular inspections already undertaken by the Ministry of Labour.