

Human Resources Legislative Update

New OHSA Noise Protection Regulation Coming Into Force July 1, 2016

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On July 1, 2016, noise protection requirements will be extended to all Ontario workplaces pursuant to [O. Reg. 381/15](#) made under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

The noise protection requirements currently found in the following regulations will be revoked effective July 1, 2016:

- [Regulation 851](#) – Industrial Establishments (s. 139) ([O. Reg. 382/15](#))
- [Regulation 854](#) – Mines and Mining Plants (s. 293.1) ([O. Reg. 383/15](#))
- [Regulation 855](#) – Oil and Gas – Offshore (s. 41) ([O. Reg. 384/15](#))

Also effective July 1, 2016, the noise protection requirements in O. Reg. 381/05 will apply to all farming operations ([O. Reg. 414/05](#) – Farming Operations as amended by [O. Reg. 385/15](#)).

[As stated by the Ministry of Labour](#), workplaces covered by the new noise requirements effective July 1, 2016 will now include:

- construction projects
- health care facilities
- schools
- farming operations
- fire services
- police services.