

## Ontario Ministry of Labour Inspections Schedule

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Ontario's Ministry of Labour has released its schedule of inspection initiatives for 2019. These inspections involve consideration of both health and safety and employment standards compliance in the workplace. The Ministry focuses on sectors where (a) there is a history of violations, (b) vulnerable workers like new and young workers, temporary foreign workers and precarious worker are employed, and (c) there has been an increase in the number of people employed.

This is the schedule released by the Ministry:

### All-sector initiatives

#### Initiative focus

High risk traumatic hazards - slips, trips and falls

#### Phases and timing

**Phase 1: March 18 – July 12, 2019** Compliance assistance with all health and safety associations

**Phase 2: April 15 – July 12, 2019** Focused inspections

Healthy workers in healthy workplaces – musculoskeletal disorders and respiratory hazards

**Phase 1: September 1 – December 27, 2019**

Compliance assistance with all health and safety associations **Phase 2: October 1 – December 27, 2019** Focused inspections

### Construction initiatives

#### Initiative focus

Suspended access equipment

#### Phases and timing

**Phase 1: July 2 – September 27, 2019** Compliance assistance with Infrastructure Health and Safety Association **Phase 2: August 6 – September 27, 2019** Focused inspections

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

**Phase 1: January 6 – March 13, 2020** Compliance assistance with Infrastructure Health and Safety Association **Phase 2: February 3 – March 13, 2020** Focused inspections

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## Health care initiatives

Initiative focus

Workplace violence prevention

Phases and timing

**Phase 1: July 22 – September 27, 2019** Compliance assistance with Public Services Health and Safety Association **Phase 2: August 19 – September 27, 2019** Focused inspections

Group homes

**Phase 1: January 20 – March 13, 2020** Compliance assistance with Public Services Health and Safety Association **Phase 2: February 3 – March 13, 2020** Focused inspections

## Industrial initiatives

Initiative focus

New and young workers

Phases and timing

**Phase 1: May 1 – August 30, 2019** Compliance assistance with Workplace Safety and Prevention Services and Workplace Safety North **Phase 2: July 15 – August 30, 2019** Focused inspections

Machine guarding

**Phase 1: January 20 – March 31, 2020** Compliance assistance with Workplace Safety and Prevention Services **Phase 2: February 17 – March 31, 2020** Focused inspections

## Mining initiatives

Initiative focus

Ground Control

Phases and timing

**Phase 1: July 15 – September 27, 2019** Compliance assistance with Workplace Safety North **Phase 2: August 6 – September 27, 2019** Focused inspections

Emergency preparedness self-audit

**Phase 1: December 16, 2019 – March 27, 2020** Compliance assistance with Workplace Safety North **Phase 2: February 3 – March 27, 2020** Focused consultations and compliance assistance

## Cross-sector initiatives

Initiative focus

Municipalities (ergonomics)

Phases and timing

**Phase 1: April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2020**

Compliance assistance with Public Services Health  
and Safety Association **Phase 2: April 1, 2019 –  
March 31, 2020** Focused inspections

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