

Our Commitment to You

Safetyscope is committed to servicing our clients' while putting strategies in place to protect both your and our workers.

The health and safety of our clients, staff and stakeholders is our top priority. With that in mind, based on recommendations from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and guidance from the Government of Canada, public classroom training will be rescheduled.

We will continue to meet your immediate training needs either at our site or yours for working at heights and fit testing. Fit testing sessions will continue due to their importance during this time, and all necessary precautions will be ensured.

Our confined space services will also continue as needed.

We ask that you continue to take precautions to help keep yourself and others healthy and safe.

We appreciate your support in helping us control the spread of infection to ensure we all remain healthy and safe.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are continuing to monitor this evolving situation..

New Signs for Traffic Control Purposes

Regulation 615 under the highway Traffic Act has been amended. Signs are used to inform, guide and control traffic, including pedestrians, motor vehicle drivers and bicyclists. The ministry has added new signs to assist in traffic control and enforcement efforts:

- No Entry/Buses Excepted sign to prohibit vehicles other than buses from entering certain areas (e.g. bus terminals, shopping centres); and,
- No Entry/Bicycles Excepted sign to prohibit vehicles other than bicycles from entering certain areas (e.g. cycling facilities such as multi-user trails).

These signs were already in use in some municipalities, but they were instructional signs only and there was no authority to require compliance. These changes support increased road safety through improved traffic control that is enforceable.

The set fines for disobeying signs are \$85 and \$120 in community safety zones.

This came into effect on January 1, 2020



Test Yourself

First Correct answer wins a prize – answer to be published on the web site.

Is the guide to the OH&S Act only available in English and French?

Send your answer by email to: newsletter@safetyscope.net

This Months Tip:

What can we tell you that hasn't been said before.

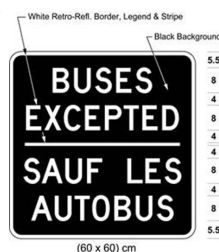
- Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly and often.
- Practice social distancing
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of the tissue immediately and wash your hands/ or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Keep surfaces clean / disinfected.
- Stay home if you are feeling ill.

Think about it.

Safetyscope Upcoming courses

Working at Heights	TBA
W@H refresher	TBA
Confined Space Awareness	TBA
Confined Space Rescue	TBA
First Aid	TBA
Competent Supervisor	TBA

Contact Us with your training needs training@safetyscope.net



The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Ministry of Health Should be Your Source

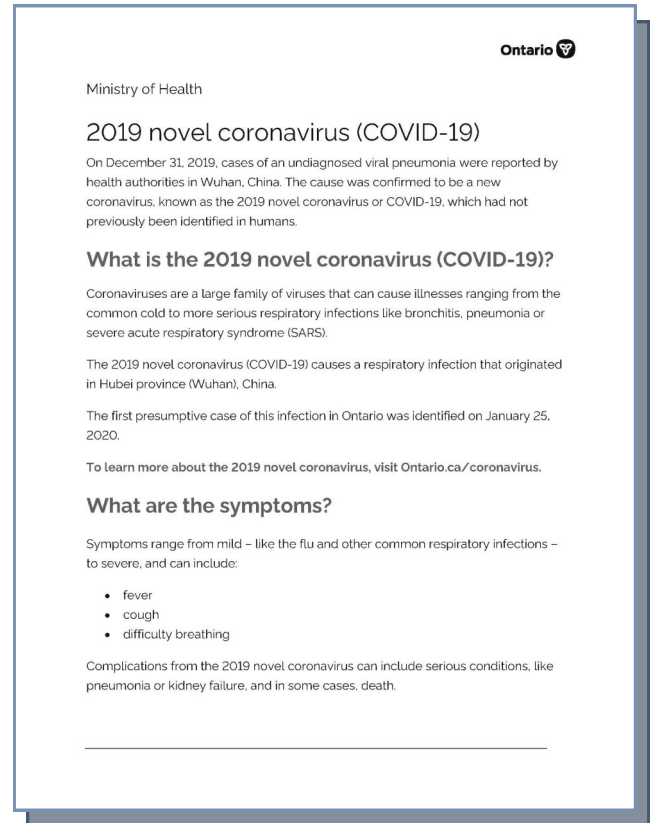
Learn how the Ministry of Health is helping to keep Ontarians safe during the 2019 Novel Coronavirus outbreak. Find out how to protect yourself and how to recognize symptoms. You can access the Link to the Ministry of Health by [clicking here](#).

You can contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000, your local public health unit or your primary care provider if you're experiencing symptoms of the 2019 novel coronavirus.

Please do not visit an assessment centre unless you have been referred by a health care professional.

Do not call 911 unless it is an emergency.

There is a [self assessment tool](#) on line and information sheets are available in [30 different languages](#).



The screenshot shows a webpage from the Ontario Ministry of Health. At the top right is the Ontario logo. The page title is "2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19)". Below the title, it states: "On December 31, 2019, cases of an undiagnosed viral pneumonia were reported by health authorities in Wuhan, China. The cause was confirmed to be a new coronavirus, known as the 2019 novel coronavirus or COVID-19, which had not previously been identified in humans." There are three main sections: "What is the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19)?", "What are the symptoms?", and a link to learn more. The "What is the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19)?" section explains that coronaviruses are a large family of viruses causing illnesses from the common cold to SARS. It notes the 2019 novel coronavirus originated in Hubei province (Wuhan), China, and the first presumptive case in Ontario was identified on January 25, 2020. The "What are the symptoms?" section lists fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. A final section mentions complications like pneumonia or kidney failure, and in some cases, death.

Is the new ANSI A92 Standard Going to Affect your Business?

It is a great question, too bad I am not sure of the answer. Sometimes it is enough to ask the question and cause people to look for answers themselves. I would love to take credit for the question but it was mentioned in a JHSC Training Course that a business who rents out this equipment was felt this was going to impact them in the future.

Changes to North American standards (ANSI A92 in the United States and CSA B354 in Canada) are coming – ANSI A92 will go into effect in June, 2020, (CSA B354 was published May 2017) and these changes will create a new “normal” for mobile elevated work platforms (MEWPs), formerly known as aerial work platforms (AWPs), worldwide.

Standards set a safety level for all participants in the market and can also bring global markets closer together, driving commonality and stronger market competition. The standard is advance the industry in that direction.

The changes apply to several areas: Equipment terminology, equipment design standards; safe use and planning, Risk assessment planning, training; and maintenance and repair personnel training.

The primary advantage of the new standards is to move closer towards a global standard that allows easier trade of new and used units between countries.

The CSA B354 standards were published in May 2017, created a new "normal" for the aerial equipment industry worldwide.

We should already be exceeding the ANSI A92 Standard. Shouldn't we?

In the Courts

Mar 11, 2020 Glencore Canada Corporation fined \$110,000 - Workers Injured

As part of the planned restart following a maintenance shutdown of the Falconbridge smelter, a 98 percent sulphuric acid solution was delivered in four rail cars. Two tank trucks from a third party contractor were on site to move the acid from the rail cars to the acid plant on a rotating basis.

A worker was seen to be disconnecting the transfer line from the rail car out of sequence before the railcar had been depressurized. As a result, the 98 percent sulphuric acid began spraying out of the rail car, injuring three workers.

The employer was found guilty of failing to ensure that a rail car had been depressurized before the transfer line was disconnected, resulting in an uncontrolled spray of 98 percent sulphuric acid, contrary to s. 56(b) of Ontario Regulation 854/90, Mines and Mining Plants, thereby contravening s. 25(1)(c) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Ontario).

Mar 5, 2020 Ball Construction, Inc., Fined \$55,000 - Two Workers Injured

Two workers employed by a subcontractor to Ball commenced work near some abandoned press pits and trenches, which were behind caution tape. While doing so, the subcontracted workers decided to use an elevated work platform, and in order to use the work platform, moved wooden wall sections which were on the floor, out of their way, to create space. Unknown to the workers, the wall sections were covering an abandoned press pit approximately three meters deep. When the two workers together picked up and attempted to push the wall sections out of the way, both fell into the pit and suffered injuries.

Section 26.1(1) of Ontario Regulation 213/91, as amended, the Regulation for Construction Projects, requires that a worker be protected by a guardrail system that meets the requirements of the Regulations.

Ball Construction Inc. failed, as a constructor, to ensure the measures and procedures prescribed by section 26.1(1) of Ontario Regulation 213/91 were carried out at the project

Mar 2, 2020 Great Northern Insulation Fined \$125,000 After Worker Fatality

The young workers worked out of GNI's Gravenhurst location. The worker and a coworker had just left a work site in their truck. The worker was driving. They had left the worksite because there was no room to park their truck. They were going to head to another job site. They were in the process of turning around at an intersection when the driving conditions convinced them to install tire chains as the road was very slippery.

The workers were installing chains on the front driver side tire when the truck, which had not been properly immobilized, started rolling and sliding forward and fatally ran the first worker over, before coming to a stop in a snowbank.

The employer was found guilty of failing to take reasonable precautions in the circumstances for the protection of a worker from the hazard of being struck by a moving vehicle not adequately immobilized when installing tire chains contrary to section 25(2)(h) of the OHSA.



In the Courts

Feb 28, 2020 4-Way Metal Fabricators Ltd. Fined \$65,000 After Worker Injured

A worker was placed at 4-Way Metal through an employment agency called H & H Employment Services. He had been working at 4-Way Metal for a minimal period of time when the incident occurred.

On November 13, 2018, the worker was working at an unguarded punch press machine when his hand become trapped under the ram of the punch press and injured.

Section 25 of Ontario Regulation 851/90, the Regulation for Industrial Establishments, requires that an in-running nip hazard or any part of a machine, device or thing that may endanger the safety of any worker, be equipped with and guarded by a guard or other device that prevents access to the pinch point.

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Safetyscope Continuing to Maintaining Registration as an OWWCO Training Provider

These courses meet the criteria in subsection 29(4) of O.Reg. 128, Certification of Drinking Water System Operators and Water Quality Analysts. On Completion of training all participants will receive a certificate of completion with corresponding CEU Value.

1. Working at Heights	.7 CEU
2. WHMIS 2015	.4 CEU
3. TDG	.4 CEU
4. Working in Confined Spaces Rescue Level	2.8 CEU
5. Confined Spaces Attendant Non Entry	1.3 CEU
6. Confined Spaces Advanced Awareness	.7 CEU
7. Confined Spaces Attendant Refresher	.7 CEU
8. Confined Spaces Rescue Refresher	.7 CEU
9. Standard First Aid	1.4 CEU
10. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	.4 CEU
11. Spill Response	.7 CEU
12. Trenching Hazards	.4 CEU

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