

# take Action: demand Accountability



OFL/WHSC workshops  
for worker representatives  
**Spring 2005**

Ontario's *Occupational Health and Safety Act* recognizes joint health and safety committees (JHSC) as an integral part of the occupational health and safety system. As such, it affords committee members considerable duties and responsibilities. Nonetheless, the Act places the greatest responsibility with employers, mandating them to take every reasonable precaution for the protection of workers.

Despite these provisions results of a recent Workers Health and Safety Centre (WHSC) survey indicate workers continue to suffer. Specifically:

- ◆ Workers in every sector experience some form of unsafe working conditions.
- ◆ Nearly 25 per cent of workers have suffered a work-related injury or illness.
- ◆ Most workers receive little or no health and safety training.
- ◆ Less than one in 10 workers can identify a member of their joint health and safety committee.

Anyone who cares about worker well-being understands this situation is unacceptable. Employers must be held to account. Joint committees must be given the tools and training to do their job.

## Workshop objectives

To this end, the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) has partnered with the Workers Centre to deliver a series of presentations designed for worker members of joint committees. Sessions will begin this spring and include discussions regarding:

- Joint health and safety committees' functions and powers;
- Changes to Provincial and Federal health and safety enforcement tools, i.e. legislation, regulations, standards, benchmarks and other information a Ministry of Labour inspector may consider when considering orders;
- Recent court and Labour Relations Board cases; and
- New research in the field of occupational health and safety.

## Further, objectives of the workshops include:

- ☑ Promote the use of legislated powers by worker committee members;
- ☑ Educate workers about their employers' due diligence and other legislative requirements; and
- ☑ Promote Workers Centre training programs to assist employers in meeting these requirements.

## Workshop design

While these presentations are geared towards workers who are members of joint health and safety committees or workplace health and safety representatives, they are open to all workers and worker representatives interested in learning more about how to exercise their rights to improve health and safety conditions for all in the workplace.

Each session is three hours long and will be held in approximately 30 communities across Ontario from April 25 to June 17, 2005.

**These presentations are offered free of charge by the OFL.**

**To secure a spot please complete the registration form (back page) and fax or deliver it to your regional WHSC office.**



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**SOUTH CENTRAL ONTARIO**

**HAMILTON**

Steelworkers Centre  
1031 Barton Street East, Hamilton  
**Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Session A: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**KITCHENER/WATERLOO**

ETFO Waterloo Region Office  
60 New Dundee Road, Unit 1116,  
Kitchener  
**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Session A: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**ST. CATHARINES**

Howard Johnson Hotel  
89 Meadowvale Drive,  
St. Catharines  
**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**WELLAND**

CAW Local 523 Hall  
16 Steel Street, Welland  
**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**CENTRAL ONTARIO**

**BARRIE**

Comfort Inn - Georgian Room  
210 Essa Road, Barrie  
**Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**DURHAM**

OPSEU Office  
1800 Dundas Street, Whitby  
**Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**MISSISSAUGA**

USWA Leo Gerard Centre  
1158 Aerowood Drive, Mississauga  
**Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**PETERBOROUGH**

CAW 524 Hall  
203 Park Street North, Peterborough  
**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
**Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**TORONTO**

OPSEU Membership Training Centre  
31 Wellesley Street, Toronto  
**Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**EASTERN ONTARIO**

**CORNWALL**

100 Water Street East, Cornwall  
**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
**Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Session B: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**KINGSTON**

USWA Union Centre  
105 Sutherland Drive, Suite 7,  
Kingston  
**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**OTTAWA**

Chimo Hotel  
1199 Joseph Cyr Street, Ottawa  
**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Session B: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

**SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO**

**LONDON**

CAW Local 1520  
6688 Tempo Road, London  
**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Session A: 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**SARNIA**

CEP Labour Hall  
900 Devine Street, Sarnia  
**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**WINDSOR**

CAW Local 1973  
3719 Walker Road, Windsor  
**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Session B: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**NORTHERN ONTARIO**

**KENORA**

Lakeside Inn  
470 First Avenue South, Kenora  
**Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Session A: 1:30 - 4:30 pm  
Session B: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

**NORTH BAY**

OPSEU Local 616  
573 Fraser Street, North Bay  
**Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Session B: 7:00 - 10:00 pm

**SAULT STE MARIE**

USWA Hall  
68 Dennis Street, Sault Ste Marie  
**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Session A: 1:30 - 4:30 pm  
Session B: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

**SUDBURY**

USWA Hall  
92 Froot Road, Sudbury  
**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Session A: 1:30 - 4:30 pm  
Session B: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

**THUNDER BAY**

Lakehead Labour Centre  
929 Fort William Road,  
Thunder Bay  
**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
**Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Session B: 1:30 - 4:30 pm

**TIMMINS**

Days Inn  
14 Mountjoy Street South, Timmins  
**Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Session A: 1:30 - 4:30 pm  
Session B: 6:30 - 9:30 pm



**REGISTRATION**

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Please fill out this registration form and fax  
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**Session (A or B):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/Prov:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

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