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MOL IS LOOKING FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES ON CONSTRUCTION SITES

Ontario safety laws say every construction project must have an emergency response procedure in place. This only makes sense, having an emergency plan in place helps to ensure that workers react appropriately in the event of an emergency. If you are a constructor, you need to review and revise your emergency response procedures to ensure they're specific to the work site.

During our worksite inspections, we often ask workers simple questions; like what is your address? If you had to call 911 and they asked you where you were, how would you answer? If you had a worker fall off of a ladder, what is the procedure to get him/her help? What if you had a worker fall from heights, how would you get them down? You would be surprised how many workers struggle with response to these questions. They think they will figure it out once it happens. To ensure that workers react appropriately and to minimize human suffering and other financial costs, workers must know their responsibilities under the emergency response plan.

To prepare for an emergency, constructors should:

- prepare written emergency plans and review those procedures with the joint health and safety committee or the health and safety representative for the project
- ensure that the emergency plan procedures are followed at the project site
- ensure appropriate access and egress points are available in case of emergency
- ensure emergency procedures are posted in a visible place at the project site

Workers should also be prepared:

- know the procedures in the emergency response plan
- report emergencies to their supervisor
- know they have the right to refuse unsafe work

You can find a free Job Site Safety Plan download at <http://ow.ly/LB18i>. Use this form to plan for all kinds of safety considerations including emergency plans. Simply complete this form at the beginning of the day, week or project and it will help you plan for worst case scenarios.

[Click here](#) for additional considerations when preparing your emergency plan.

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