

April 28

National Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed or suffer work-related injury or disease.



OUR LIVES OUR LAWS

Workers Health
& Safety Centre

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WORTH THE FIGHT

We all expect to return home safe and healthy after a day's work. We should. It's the law.

Workers fought hard for laws to protect them on the job. So when the spirit and letter of the law are broken, or unenforced, workers are the ones who continue to pay... with their lives.

Fighting for better protection is worth it. It's our lives, our laws.

To learn more about

- Day of Mourning events across Ontario
- Occupational health & safety laws
- Legal training requirements
- Occupational disease and other health and safety concerns
- WHSC training programs

Visit www.whsc.on.ca or call toll-free 1-888-869-7950



Oakville & District Labour Council

Day of Mourning Ceremony

Thurs., April 28, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

Oakville Public Library, 120 Navy Street
(corner of Navy and Lakeshore)

Guest Speaker:

Chris MacDonald, Ontario Director, CLC

Contact:

Dave Millar, President, Oakville and District
Labour Council, (905) 844-9451

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WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?

LAWS AND ENFORCEMENT

Ontario workers fought hard to win their basic health and safety rights: the right to know; the right to refuse; and the right to participate. Building on these rights, workers struggle still for protection against new and emerging workplace hazards. Their efforts helped secure Ontario's new workplace violence and harassment laws. Workers and their representatives continue to fight for:

- Ergonomic regulations to address work-related musculoskeletal disorders (the leading cause of lost-time injuries in Ontario)
- Strict enforcement to ensure employers comply fully with their legal duties.



QUALITY TRAINING

Employers have a legal duty to provide both general and specific instruction and training to their workers. Workers and their representatives won the right to be trained on workplace hazardous chemicals and as certified members of joint health and safety committees. Today they seek to secure and further these gains with:

- Comprehensive and enforced standards for legally mandated training to enable workplace parties to fully exercise their rights and duties (not training delivered via a downloadable Smartphone app)
- Assurance of a worker's training perspective through funding and autonomy for the Workers Health & Safety Centre (WHSC).



OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PREVENTION

Every year hundreds of workers die from work-related illnesses leaving their families to fight for worker compensation benefits. Thousands more go unreported. Among Ontario's Workplace Safety & Insurance Board allowed fatality claims, occupational disease now accounts for more than two-thirds of the total. Ontario workers and their families still struggle for:

- A province-wide strategy to identify and prevent occupational disease
- Like the WHSC, sustained funding and autonomy for worker health clinics (OHCOW) across Ontario.



The Workers Health & Safety Centre can help.
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Other Health and Safety Resources

Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers

1-877-817-0336 (provincial office) www.ohcow.on.ca

Toronto Workers' Health & Safety Legal Clinic

416-971-8832 www.workers-safety.ca

OFL Occupational Disability Response Team

1-800-668-9138 www.odrt.ca

Ontario Ministry of Labour (Health & Safety Contact Centre)

1-877-202-0008 www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs

Human Resources & Skills Development Canada (federal jurisdiction)

1-800-641-4049 www.hrsdc.gc.ca

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