

Look for these hazard-alert symbols in your workplace.



**Class A**  
Compressed Gases



**Class B**  
Flammable and Combustible Materials



**Class C**  
Oxidizing Materials



**Class D1**  
Materials Causing Immediate and Serious Toxic Effects



**Class D2**  
Materials Causing Other Toxic Effects



**Class D3**  
Biohazardous Infectious Materials



**Class E**  
Corrosive Materials



**Class F**  
Dangerously Reactive Materials

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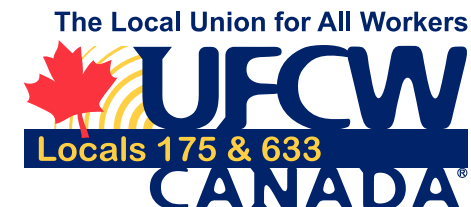
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A reference pamphlet for workers regarding the role of

# Workplace Health & Safety Inspections

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Workplace inspections are an important part of the Health & Safety program. Inspections maintain a process for monitoring workplace health & safety: and they are one of the main ways of recognizing, evaluating and controlling hazards in the workplace.

### **Who is responsible for Inspections in the workplace?**

Subject to subsection (24), the members of a committee who represent workers shall designate a member representing workers to inspect the physical condition of the workplace.

R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1, s. 9 (23)

If possible, the member designated under subsection (23) shall be a certified member.

R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1, s. 9 (24)

The members of the committee are not required to designate the same member to perform all inspections or to perform all of a particular inspection.

R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1, s. 9 (25)

### **When should Inspections take place?**

Unless otherwise required by the regulations or by an order by an inspector, a member designated under subsection (23) shall inspect the physical conditions of the workplace at least once a month.

R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1, s. 9 (26)

If it is not practical to inspect the workplace at least once a month, the member designated under subsection (23) shall inspect the physical condition of the workplace at least once a year, inspecting at least part of the workplace in each month.

R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1, s. 9 (27)

The inspection required by subsection (27) shall be under taken in accordance with a schedule established by the committee.

R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1, s. 9 (28)

### **How can I help in the Inspection process?**

The constructor, employer and the workers shall provide a member designated under subsection (23) with such information and assistance as the member may require for the purpose of carrying out an inspection of the workplace.

R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1, s. 9 (29)

### **What happens if the Inspection turns up a potential hazard?**

The member shall inform the committee of situations that may be a source of danger or hazard to workers and the committee shall consider such information within a reasonable period of time.

R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1, s. 9 (30)

### **What happens if I am critically injured on the job?**

The members of a committee who represent workers shall designate one or more such members to investigate cases where a worker is killed or critically injured at a workplace from any cause and one of those members may, subject to subsection 51 (2), inspect the place where the accident occurred and any machine, device or thing, and shall report his or her findings to a Director and to the committee.

R.S.O. 1990, c.0.1, s. 9 (31)

