



On June 1, 2011, Bill 160 - *The Occupational Health and Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2011*, received Royal Assent in Ontario.

The Ministry of Labour is calling this the largest revamp of Ontario's workplace safety system in over thirty years. These amendments are going to change the face of Health and Safety in this province.

Bill 160 highlights significant changes to our current system:

- The appointment of a new Chief Prevention Officer
- The creation of a new Prevention Council
- The Prevention Council will be composed of representatives from trade unions, provincial labour organizations, employers, the WSIB and Health & Safety experts
- The ability of the Prevention Council to regulate without additional action from Parliament
- The responsibility for workplace accident prevention will be transferred from the WSIB to the Ministry of Labour (MOL)
- The MOL will oversee Health and Safety Associations
- The MOL will have sole responsibility for the education and promotion of workplace Health and Safety

The changes forthcoming are set to bolster workplace safety in our province via increased mandatory training requirements for employers and standardized training programs.

As advocates for the employer, Industrial Safety Trainers Inc. is one of Ontario's largest independent providers of Health and Safety Programs, consulting and training. We are privileged to have the opportunity to assist people who strive to ensure Health and Safety is a key priority in their day to day operations.