



On Behalf of Collision Repair Facilities and Their Trade Associations Across Ontario

MEMBER BULLETIN

820 SHOPS VISITED DURING ENFORCEMENT BLITZ PHASE I

(August 10, 2010) A joint inspection campaign involving the Ontario Ministry of Labour (health and safety and employment standards), Ministry of Environment, and Training Colleges and Universities has concluded their six month Phase I blitz in southern Ontario. Phase II starts in September.

Autobody and collision repair shops from Peel to Durham regions and north to Barrie were visited starting last September to check on compliance involving health and safety, trades certification, Certificate of Approvals for spray booths, and employment standards practices.

Shops were checked by area or street with location information taken from phone books and other data. Inspectors tried hard to see all shops in a given area, not just large shops or the 1410 facilities in Ontario that had a WSIB account

291 shops or 35% of all shops checked received no orders to comply. Congratulations. 19% of shops received three or greater visits from inspectors. One shop received 11 visits. A total of 1531 inspections were done and 77 stop work orders were issued.

Three evening information workshops were offered at no charge by www.ciaa.com to assist those shops in meeting their obligations. Assistance was provided by the Ontario Service Safety Alliance (OSSA) and offered by OSSA to shops during the inspection timeframe.

46 premises were inspected by Ministry of Labour employment standards officers and 29 orders were written to employers to comply with the Employment Standards Act.

The five most common orders written were for:

- Lifting Devices (491 orders)
- Post a copy of the OHSA Act (209 orders)
- Supplier Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) (179 orders)
- Equipment, Material and protection devices in good condition (151 orders)
- Installation of eye wash fountains (143 orders)

Failure to properly train staff in required WHMIS awareness, generated over 100 orders and your association can provide that training to members at no charge by calling 1 866 309 4272.

Data provided by OSSA, shows that the industry's lost time and accident frequency rates, injury frequency and total frequency comparisons in the years 2004-2009 have dropped dramatically, and better than the general automotive repair industry in all categories.

Between September 2010 and March 2011, inspectors will again visit shops where orders were written. The Ministry is advising that shops that have not taken action to correct identified problems will face prosecution. Shops are urged to call their industry association at 1 866 309 4272. The Ministry will also be inspecting to ensure shops have conformed with Ontario's new Violence in the Workplace regulations and shops can access that information at no charge after August 15, on the industry web site at www.ciaa.com. Shops that have not yet changed their environmental Certificate of Approval to allow for waterborne paints, should also call the association for information on simplified approvals at 1 866 309 4272 or view www.autobodyhelp.ca

"To represent the best interests of the industry, providing opportunities for growth for environmentally sound, profitable businesses, having trained professionals serving the public"

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