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Material Handling Strategy

The Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development is currently engaged in a Material Handling Strategy to raise awareness of the material handling hazards faced by workers in industrial establishments.

Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development (MLTSD) Data from 2021:

- 33 fatalities in the industrial program, of those, 13 fatalities were because of crushing injuries and 8 were struck by fatalities.
- The sectors most affected are the industrial services, wood, metal fabricators, and automotive sectors of the industrial program.

Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Data from 2022:

- 17,802 lost time claims related to bodily reaction and exertion
- 11,674 lost time claims from contact with objects or equipment

Workplaces should consider the following:

- Assess all material handling equipment to ensure compliance with:
 - annual inspections
 - operator daily inspections
 - operator competency (training)Material handling equipment includes forklifts, pallet jacks, overhead cranes, and hoists.
- Assess load ratings and securement of racking and materials on racking.
- Assess hazardous locations where vehicle, equipment, or pedestrian traffic may endanger the safety of any worker or the general public. This is part of the MLTSD's worker struck-by-initiative. This can include receiving doors/bays, garage doors, parking lots, and indoor equipment with pedestrian traffic.

Every company is required to demonstrate their Due Diligence by providing the worker with the adequate tools, equipment, and knowledge to succeed. This is our specialty; we are here to assist your organization with the training, documentation (inspection forms, safe operating practices), and guidance to meet compliance with the MLTSD's initiatives.

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