



OSSFA Safety Mission Statement

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Construction work and specifically structural steel fabrication and erection by its very nature is hazardous and dangerous work. It's physical; the work environment changes constantly; we have deadlines; workers are often exposed to severe weather conditions, and the workforce on construction sites change regularly as projects change or advance. Therefore, health and safety must be paramount on every construction site and in our fabrication and manufacturing plants in Ontario. We at OSSFA and all our members recognize the importance of Health & Safety, preventing work-related illness and injury is the most important job for all of us, because all workers deserve the right to return home to their families safe and sound, every day. Construction is an unforgiving business and even the simplest mistakes can lead to tragic consequences. This is why, safety must be a responsibility that is shared by workers, subcontractors, steel erectors, and employers. Our structural steel industry has recognized that a culture of safety must be created by us, in our fabrication plants, when working with our subcontractors, when transporting our steel on roads and on every construction worksite in the province.

The safety of all Ontario workplaces is regulated by the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and its regulations which are administered by the Ontario Ministry of Labour.

Under the leadership of the Ministry of Labour, we have seen significant reform of the occupational health and safety system and with the WSIB.

Our OSSFA safety strategy is working together with all these organizations to develop and maintain a high standard of safety awareness, maintain high safety training standards and protocols to ensure we can be the safest possible trade that we can be on every construction worksite we are part of.

OSSFA through our membership with COCA have been actively engaged with the Prevention Office in the Ministry of Labour on such initiatives as Occupational Health and Safety Awareness Training, Working at Heights Training, Mandatory Entry Level Training for Construction, Joint Health and Safety Committee Certification Training, the Construction Health and Safety Action Plan and the Occupational Health and Safety Programs Review. We at OSSFA and our membership stand united in working together as an industry to be the safest we can be now and into the future.

This safety mission statement was voted on, carried unanimously, and adopted by our membership at our OSSFA Safety Symposium meeting held in Burlington on June 21st, 2022.

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