



## labour-management health and safety committee

Construction Safety Association of Ontario, 21 Voyager Court South, Etobicoke, Ontario M9W 5M7

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**TO: ALL TRADE/SECTOR LABOUR-MANAGEMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY  
COMMITTEES**

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### **RE: USE OF LADDERS IN THE WORK PLACE**

At the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting of the Provincial Labour-Management Health and Safety Committee the topic of "use of ladders in the work place" was discussed once again.

The Provincial Committee has asked the Ministry of Labour to participate in an open forum discussion with members of the Provincial Committee and members of the trade/sector committees as to finding some clarity so that we can all move forward.

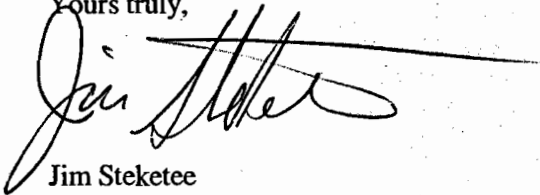
The Provincial Committee is asking the trade/sector committees to select no more than two (2) members to participate in the discussion. Ideally the numbers should be e.g. one management representative and one labour representative from the trade/sector committee. The Provincial Committee has already chosen the following chairs of this proposed committee: Glen Drewes representing labour and Andrew Sefton representing management.

As it was pointed out to the Ministry of Labour that this particular regulation has not been amended or changed in many years yet there seems to be a lot of activity coming from the inspectors in the field. If in the discussion stage it is felt that a change to the regulation is necessary then a "needs analysis" will be submitted to the Construction Legislative Review Committee (CLRC) via the Provincial Labour-Management Committee (Section 21).

If through the discussions it is felt that perhaps a "best practice or guideline" document would get clarity for all, then we will work with our partners the Ministry of Labour to accomplish this goal.

Please notify my office as soon as your selection has been made so that we can begin the process.

Yours truly,



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c.c.: Provincial Committee

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