

Occupational
Health and Safety

Field Visit Report

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OHS Case ID: 4832CRNRSVK

Field Visit no: 4832CRNRSVK-4832-FV001

Visit Date: 2024-SEP-26

Field Visit Type: INITIAL

Workplace Identification:

WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Notice ID:

1151 RICHMOND STREET, LONDON, ON CA N6A 3K7

Telephone:
(519) 661-2111

JHSC Status:
Active

Work Force #:
14000

Completed %:

Persons Contacted: Louise Koza - Director of Health, Safety and Employee Well Being
Peter Chidiac - Worker Member JHSC
Felix Lee - Worker Member JHSC
Rob Laforge - Building Manager
Mark Emerick - Associate Director of Building Services (by phone)

Visit Purpose: To respond to a complaint received at the MLITSD Call Centre

Visit Location: Boardroom - Support Services Building
Chemistry Building

Visit Summary: No orders issued. See detailed narrative.

Detailed Narrative:

This Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development (MLITSD) Inspector attended this workplace to respond to a complaint received at the call centre and to audit compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act/ 90 (OHSA) and related legislation. MLITSD Inspector Dave Graham was also present during the field visit.

MLITSD was contacted regarding the following:

- A number of eyewash stations in the Chemistry Building, which are supposed to be tested and inspected on a weekly basis have not been tested or inspected in nearly four weeks.

INSPECTOR'S FINDINGS:

- Picket line in place at time of arrival. Spoke with picket captain regarding field visit at the time of this inspection

- Met with persons contacted and discussed elements of the complaint.

- Persons Contacted stated that there are approximately 1100 eyewash stations on campus. It was stated by Persons Contacted that eye wash stations within laboratories where dangerous chemicals are in frequent use, which compromise approximately 65% of the stations on campus are the responsibility of lab staff to inspect weekly and continue to be inspected as per the regular schedule.

- It was stated that the remaining 35% of the eye wash stations on campus are in the process of being inspected. A plan to have the remaining stations in the corridors of the Chemistry Building inspected is being implemented with teams assigned to specific areas.

- It was stated that an eyewash station inspection includes flushing for 3 minutes, temperature and pressure check of the water and ensuring there are no obstructions to the station.

- Inspectors observed eyewash stations in the corridors of the Chemistry building. All eyewash stations observed were marked with signage, were accessible and not obstructed from being used and were maintained in good condition. All eyewash stations tested in the presence of inspectors were functioning.

GENERAL INFORMATION: For further information on Health and Safety, MLITSD has a website at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-labour-training-skills-development>

ALL AREAS OF THIS WORKPLACE WERE NOT INSPECTED.

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Recipient	Inspector Data	Worker Representative
Name: <u>Louise Koza</u>	JEFFREY QUANN	Name: <u>Peter Chidiac</u>
Title: <u>Dir, Health, Safety & Employee Wellbeing</u>	O.H.S.A. & B.O.S.T.A. INSPECTOR PROVINCIAL OFFENCES OFFICER 217 York Street, 5th Floor, London, ON N6A 5P9 CMHSPLDNCompliance@ontario.ca Tel: (226) 919-4367 Fax: (519) 672-0268	Title: <u>JOHSC member</u>
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>

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