

# July 16: OHS & the Unionized Employer



The role of unions in the internal responsibility systems represents one of the most overlooked issues in workplace safety. This webinar will take a detailed look at the role of unions under OHS legislation and will provide guidance to unionized employers on the most challenging OHS issues in a unionized environment. Topics to be covered include:

- The role of unions on the JHSC
- The role of unions in “work refusals”
- How unions can participate in administration of appeals of Orders by OHS regulators
- The potential liability of unions under the Bill C-45 *Criminal Code* provisions
- The responsibility of unions for members charged with OHS offences
- The significance of OHS collective agreement language
- Recent trends in union grievances related to discipline for workplace safety infractions
- How bargaining unit members can be treated as “supervisors” under OHS legislation
- Strategies for collective bargaining on OHS issues



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- Providing pro-active advice on OHS and environmental matters
- Assisting employers with a range of workers’ compensation issues
- Litigation before the WSIB and WSIAT, claims management, independent operator issues and revenue matters
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- Guidance to businesses on how to conduct effective campaigns to remain union-free
- Representing clients in collective bargaining
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