



# Joint Ontario Federation of Labour and Ontario Network of Injured Workers' Groups Workers' Compensation Conference

## AGENDA

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

8:30 am *Registration*

9:00 am **Opening Remarks**  
Chris Buckley, OFL President  
Willy Noiles, ONIWG President  
TBD, Chair

9:30 am **The Widows of Asbestos**  
A special preview of the documentary on the Peterborough GE Workers by Natasha Luckhardt

10:30 am *Break*

10:50 am **Lessons Learned in the Fight for Victims of Occupational Disease**  
Panel Discussion:  
Natasha Luckhardt, filmmaker  
Bob DiMatteo, Peterborough GE Workers Activist  
Janice Martel, McIntyre Powder Activist  
Sylvia Boyce, USW Kitchener Rubber Workers Cluster Activist

! 2:00 pm *Lunch – Provided*

1:00 pm **Workshops\*** – CHOOSE ONE

- 1. Workplace Mental Health Injury Claims:**  
*Erin Doucette, Prevention Link*
- 2. Mental Health 101:**  
*Dr. Wendy Stanyon, Prevention Link*
- 3. Accommodation Law:**  
*Jody Jones, Prevention Link*



2:30 – 2:50 pm *Break*

4:15 pm **The 2019 WSIB Review** – Plenary Session

5:00 pm Adjournment

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 21**

9:00 am **Welcome**

9:15 am **Underreporting Workplace Deaths in Canada**  
Steve Bittle, Associate Professor of Criminology, University of Ottawa

10:15 am **What Can we do About this?**  
Panel Discussion:  
Vern Edwards, Health and Safety Director, OFL  
TBD – Legal Clinic Caseworker

10:45 – 11:00 am *Break*

11:00 am **Workers Comp is a Right Campaign—  
Labour and Injured Workers Working Together**  
Willy Noiles, President, ONIWG  
Aidan McDonald, Campaign Co-Ordinator, IWC

12:30 pm Conference concludes

## **\*WORKSHOPS**

### **Workplace Mental Health Injury Claims**

Prevention Link's Workplace Mental Health Injuries workshop is ideal for workers' compensation representatives who have some case work experience and are looking to gain more knowledge on mental health injury claims. This workshop will provide participants with a better understanding of mental health and illness, stigma and discrimination, and how conditions are diagnosed and what treatment options are available. Specific to workers' compensation, the workshop explores which mental health injuries are covered by WSIB policy and law, how such claims are adjudicated, and applicable legal principles. The workshop will conclude with a review of case law examples, sample medical reports and group discussion.



## **Mental Health 101**

Mental illness is considered the number one cause of workplace disability in Canada. Yet, stigma around the topic is a key reason why many Ontarians don't talk about mental illness in their workplaces. This half-day workshop is your chance to become more informed and talk more openly about mental health in the workplace.

Participants will learn how to promote a greater understanding of occupational mental health and illness. The discussion includes a demonstration of Mindsight, an online educational resource to reduce stigma by promoting awareness of mental illness, and facilitating a greater understanding of basic strategies and resources for supporting individuals experiencing a mental health challenge

## **Accommodation Law**

The workshop focuses on the most frequently cited ground of discrimination that is disability. It looks at how disability and the duty to accommodate plays out with particular emphasis on employment. This workshop will help participants recognize rights, obligations and principles of accommodation (respect for dignity, individualization, integration and full participation).

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