

**GUIDANCE FOR
IMPROVING HEALTH & SAFETY
IN THE FIRE SERVICE**

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FORWARD

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MISCELLANEOUS

Industrial Health and Safety Program Offices
Section 21 Blank Comment Form

Websites:

<http://www.oafc.on.ca/>
<http://www.opffa.org/>
<http://www.ffao.on.ca/>
www.ofm.on.ca
<http://www.mhsao.com/>

ACTS AND REGULATIONS

Websites:

Ontario Statutes, Regulations, and Bills
<http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/>

Occupational Health and Safety Act
http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90o01_e.htm

Firefighters - Protective Equipment Regulation 714/94
http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_940714_e.htm

Regulations for Industrial Establishments 851/90
http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_900851_e.htm

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