



Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition

Supporting comprehensive workplace health in Ontario



What is the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition (OHWC)?

The Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition (OHWC) is an incorporated, not-for-profit body. The Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition serves as a unifying structure across the province, helping to facilitate communication among workplace health stakeholders, coordinating resources to address duplication and gaps, and promoting the importance of using a comprehensive approach to create healthy and safe workplaces in Ontario.

The Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition is comprised of:

- A Board of Directors that provides organizational leadership and direction
- A Membership who elect the Board of Directors
- Five Standing Committees and two Task Forces related to the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition’s core functions

Vision

All Ontario workplaces will:

- value employee mental, physical, and psychosocial health as fundamental to organizational success and
- adopt and implement a comprehensive approach to healthy workplace as an integral part of their business strategy and operations.

Mission

The purpose of the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition is to:

1. Advance our common vision for workplace health.
2. Provide support to Ontario workplace health stakeholders in striving to attain this vision.
3. Collaborate on consistent messaging, training, advocacy, and sharing of resources and best practices for workplace health stakeholders.

What does the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition do?

The five core functions of the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition are divided into Standing Committees: Advocacy, Capacity Building, Communication, Resource Integration and Nominations. There are also two task forces responsible for the membership and website development. Some exciting initiatives that the Standing Committees are working on include:

Advocacy:

Developing key messages about the comprehensive workplace health approach and liaising with stakeholders to influence public policy.

Capacity Building:

Coordinating the planning of the annual Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition meeting and other special events or training sessions.

Communication:

Focusing on internal communication with the membership and external promotion of the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition and its activities.

Resource Integration:

Coordinating workplace health resources across the province to address duplication and gaps.

Nomination Committee:

Managing the election process and supporting the recruitment and selection of the Board of Directors.



Who is part of the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition?

Stakeholders and partners involved in workplace health including: Public Sector; Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO); Private Sector; Large Business Employers (100 employees+); Small Business Employers (less than 100 employees); Union/Organized Labour; Workplace Health Service Providers; Occupational Health and Safety Council of Ontario (OHSCO) and Associates; Public Health; and Workplace Health Academia/Research.

How can I get involved?

Become a Member of the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition:

Membership in the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition is open to any workplace health stakeholder, including representatives from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. There are several levels of membership, with organizational, individual, and student rates available. Voting is individually based, with one vote per individual. In order to become a member, a registration form needs to be completed and an annual fee paid, at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Benefits of Membership include:

- Increasing your organization's profile as a leader in the development of healthy workplace
- Receiving regular newsletter updates
- Providing opportunities for partnership among members
- Becoming part of a movement to advance comprehensive workplace health in Ontario.

Become a Member of the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition!

Visit <http://www.ohwc.ca/membership.cfm>

Join a Committee:

Interested in volunteering your time and sharing your expertise? Join one of the five Standing Committees: Advocacy, Capacity Building, Communication, Resource Integration or Nomination; or one of the two Task Forces: Membership or Website Development. If you would like more information on how to get involved, contact the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition Secretariat at info@ohwc.ca.

Consider Sponsorship:

The Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition is dependant on the commitment of many volunteers and partner organizations. Gaining additional funds is critical for future endeavours. We welcome discussing sponsorship activities. If you would like to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition Secretariat.

How to contact us: For more information please contact the Ontario Healthy Workplace Coalition Secretariat at 416-255-8666, Email info@ohwc.ca or visit our website at www.ohwc.ca
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