



# Occupational Health & Safety Information Bulletin

## Duty of Suppliers

### Legislative Requirements

Did you know that when you are supplying equipment, tools or other items to be used in a workplace under Provincial Legislation you have the responsibilities outlined below?

### Section 11 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act

#### Duty of supplier

11. A supplier shall ensure, where it is reasonably practicable for him or her to do so, that tools, appliances or equipment that he or she supplies

- (a) is in safe operating condition; and
- (b) complies with the standards prescribed by legislation.

### Contributing Factors

Did you know that you could be responsible for a worker who is injured by an unsafe piece of equipment you provided?

### Recommended Precautions

- Ensure all equipment is inspected and in correct working order before being supplied.
- Ensure all items rented and supplied are equipped with all components needed as specified by the manufacturer.
- Ensure current operating instructions are provided with the equipment.
- Ensure any modification made to the equipment before being provided are in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and instructions and you retain the appropriate documentation as it may be required by the end user.

**Contact us with questions concerning the Duty of Supplier or other Occupational Health and Safety issues.**



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