

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF SMWIA IN ONTARIO

ROOFERS, SIDERS, DECKERS, AND SHEET METAL WORKERS COVID-19 AND SAFE WORKPLACES

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The Ontario Government has recently announced that more workplaces and constructions job sites are now permitted to operate under strict conditions.

Just because your workplace is legally allowed to operate does not mean it is safe.

ALL OF THE DIRECTIONS AND PROTOCOLS CONCERNING COVID-19 AND SOCIAL DISTANCING APPLY TO YOU, YOUR FELLOW WORKERS, YOUR EMPLOYERS AND YOUR JOBSITES.

We are urging all of our members to continue to follow strict physical distancing and hygiene practices. The virus that causes Covid-19 continues to exist in communities across Ontario.

Whether or not it is actually safe to work is going to vary from jobsite to jobsite.

In this public health emergency your workplaces must adhere to strict protocols for health and safety. If you are being asked or required to work in conditions which you think may be unsafe, please do the following:

1. Stop work;
2. Get yourself to a safe place;
3. Tell your immediate supervisor that you have stopped work for safety reasons;
4. **PHONE YOUR UNION REPRESENTATIVE RIGHT AWAY** (who will be able to give you further advice).

DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH YOUR HEALTH OR THAT OF YOUR FAMILY.

Please look at the minimum protocols that the Ministry of Labour has issued to guide you and your co-workers on these issues.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/construction-site-health-and-safety-during-covid-19>