

## **Toronto RSI Awareness Day - Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

The incidence of work-related musculoskeletal injuries, also known as repetitive strain injuries (RSIs) has reached epidemic proportions.

According to the Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) statistics, RSIs account for more than 50 per cent of all reported injuries. Workers in all sectors of the economy are developing these disorders.

Equally troubling, the numbers of workers developing RSIs show no sign of declining. Beyond the numbers are the incalculable human and social costs of these painful, disabling injuries.

### **RSI Day Symposium Proposed Agenda:**

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

9:10 a.m. City of Toronto RSI Day Proclamation: Mayor of Toronto invited

9:20 a.m. **Play: W.R. Commissioner Meredith**

This entertaining 1 hour play examines what employers and workers were saying about accident prevention and workers compensation. The play reconstructs the hearings that took place in 1915 that set up the Workers Compensation system in Ontario.

10:20 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ellen MacEachen: "Hurt vs. Harm"**

**The logic behind the early return to work policy of the WSIB.**

11:00 a.m. **Labour Panel Discussion: Legislating Ergonomic Solutions**

12:00 Lunch

1 p.m. **Presentation by OHCOW Ergonomist: Musculoskeletal Injuries (MSDs) Guideline and Toolbox**

2 p.m. RSI: The injured worker experience

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. The WSIB Accident Prevention T.V. commercials

3:00 p.m. Moving forward: Developing an Action Plan to Legislate Ergonomic Solutions

**Date: Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup> Location: 25 Cecil Street, Toronto.  
Lunch will be provided at no cost.**

**Registration Required,** to register send email to: Audrey Parks at [parkesa@lao.on.ca](mailto:parkesa@lao.on.ca) or by phone @ 416-461-2411

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