



Prevention Field Services

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Dear employer:

Re: **2017 Manufacturing High Risk Strategy**

We are writing to let you know that your workplace may be inspected as part of our 2017 Manufacturing High Risk Strategy. This means that a WorkSafeBC officer may visit your company to conduct an inspection of your workplace and safe work practices, in accordance with the *Workers Compensation Act* and the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Regulation.

#### How are employers chosen?

We select employers, with regional input, based on their injury history, inspectional history, and the potential for serious injuries to occur.

#### What can you expect of the inspections?

Prevention officers will conduct initial site inspections during the first half of the year. If necessary, they will also conduct follow-up inspections, which may happen any time after the initial inspection.

Inspections will be planned to capture activities across all shifts and may include evenings and weekends. These inspections will focus on:

- Safeguarding and lockout
- Combustible dust

#### How were these areas chosen?

We developed the 2017 Manufacturing High Risk Strategy by examining claims data and identifying the work activities with the highest potential for causing serious injury. For example:

- from 2011 to 2015, safeguarding and lockout-related injuries accounted for 10 percent of the manufacturing sector's claims
- of the 430 workers in the industry who suffered an amputation over the past five years, 79 percent were due to machines and conveyors

#### Where can you find more information and resources?

We encourage you to learn more about the 2017 Manufacturing High Risk Strategy on our website at: [www.worksafebc.com/about-us/what-we-do/high-risk-strategies/manufacturing](http://www.worksafebc.com/about-us/what-we-do/high-risk-strategies/manufacturing).

If you have any questions about the 2017 Manufacturing High Risk Strategy, please contact WorkSafeBC's Manufacturing team at: [manufacturing@worksafebc.com](mailto:manufacturing@worksafebc.com).

Thank you for helping to ensure the safety and health of your workers.

Sincerely,

Al Johnson  
Vice President, Prevention Services