



**YUKON WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION  
HEALTH AND  
SAFETY BOARD**

OH&S

SUBJECT: INSPECTIONS BY SAFETY OFFICERS POLICY NO.: OHS - 03

BOARD APPROVAL: *[Signature]*

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## **POLICY STATEMENT**

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SECTION

REFERENCE: **23, 35  
41, 47**

**Occupational Health and Safety Act**

POLICY:

### **INSPECTIONS BY SAFETY OFFICERS**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Field Services staff (safety officers) assist employers, supervisors and workers fulfil their responsibilities in safe production under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations, through consultation, education and enforcement.

As a result of an inspection, safety officers may write orders requiring the immediate correction of any serious hazards, issue or recommend a penalty against the company for the violation of regulations, or if the condition of immediate danger threatens the health or safety of any worker, issue a closure order.

#### **POLICY**

##### **A. DEFINITIONS**

(i) WORKSITE

A worksite subject to inspection under the Act means any location where a worker is, or is likely to be, engaged in any occupation and includes any vehicle or mobile equipment used by a worker.

(ii) WORKSITE INSPECTION

A worksite inspection by a safety officer means an examination and evaluation of the physical aspects, the working environment and the work processes of a worksite to ensure compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations.

**B. WORKSITE INSPECTIONS**

In complex cases, the safety officer will discuss with the employer and with the worker representative whenever reasonably possible the kinds of action which may be necessary to correct the problem.

**C. INSPECTIONS RESULTING IN PENALTIES**

Inspections may result in penalties where:

- (i) there are very serious violations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act or Regulations;
- (ii) discussion and persuasion have been unsuccessful; or
- (iii) there is continuing non-compliance to minor violations.

Penalties may take the form of an administrative penalty or a prosecution.

**REFERENCES**

Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board, Penalties Policy Statement, Occupational Health and Safety Act