

### **Reporting Occupational Illness**

If an employer is told that a worker has an occupational illness or that a claim for an occupational illness has been filed with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, the employer must notify a director of the Ministry of Labour, the joint health and safety committee (or health and safety representative) and the union, if any, within four days. This notice must be in writing and must contain any prescribed information [section 52(2)]:

(5) The written notice required under subsection 52 (2) of the Act if an employer is advised that a worker has an occupational illness or that a claim in respect of an occupational illness has been filed with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board shall include,

- (a) the name and address of the employer;
- (b) the nature of the occupational illness and the circumstances which gave rise to such illness;
- (c) a description of the cause or the suspected cause of the occupational illness;
- (d) the period when the worker was affected;
- (e) the name and address of the worker who is suffering from the occupational illness;
- (f) the name and address of the physician, if any, who is attending to or attended to the worker for the illness; and
- (g) the steps taken to prevent further illness.

The duty to notify applies not only to current workers but also to former ones [section 52(3)].