

DID YOU IMMIGRATE TO CANADA AFTER 1990? HAVE YOU BEEN INJURED OR SICK BECAUSE OF YOUR JOB?

The Institute for Work & Health is doing a study to learn about the experiences of immigrants who have been sick or hurt from work. We hope that this study can show ways to improve the health and safety of workers, and to help immigrants who have suffered an injury or illness because of their jobs.

If you have been sick or hurt because of your job, we would like to hear what you have to say about things like:

- what your rights are at work
- informing (or not informing) your boss or your doctor that you got hurt/sick from work
- your experience with workers' compensation
- seeing a doctor or going to the hospital
- how and where you got help or information about your injury or illness
- how your family has been affected by your work-related injury or sickness

What happens if I participate?

A researcher from the Institute for Work & Health (and an interpreter, if you would like one) will interview you at a time and place that is convenient and private. We will ask you about your experiences after your work-related injury or illness. As a thank-you, we will give you a \$20 gift certificate.

With your consent, we will tape-record and transcribe the interview. If you like, we will also share the results of our study with you later on.

What are the risks and benefits of the study?

Risks: You may be concerned about your privacy. We would like to assure you that anything you tell us will remain confidential and anonymous. Only the researchers will know who is interviewed and what they say. You will not have to answer any questions if you don't want to, and you can remove yourself from the study at any time.

Benefits: We hope that results from this study can improve the services, information, and procedures protecting the safety and health of immigrant workers, even if the study may not help you directly.

Who do I contact if I want more information or have questions about the study?

Please contact the Study Coordinators, Cynthia Neilson at 416-927-2027 ext. 2154 or Marni Lifshen at ext. 2227. You can also email them, cneilson@iwh.on.ca or mlifshen@iwh.on.ca. You can also go to the study website at: <http://www.iwh.on.ca/iw.php>.

About the Institute for Work & Health:

The Institute for Work & Health (IWH) is an independent, not for profit organization whose mission is to conduct and share research with workers, labour, employers, clinicians and policy makers to promote, protect and improve the health of working people. For more information see our website at: www.iwh.on.ca

About the Lead Researcher

Agnieszka Kosny is the Lead Researcher of this study. She has a PhD in Public Health Sciences and is an Associate Scientist. You can contact her at any time if you have any questions or comments about this study. Her telephone number is 416-927-2027 Ext. 2167 and her e-mail is: akosny@iwh.on.ca

This project has received ethics approval from the McMaster Research Ethics Board Secretariat, c/o the Office of Research Ethics 905-525-9140 ext. 23142. E-mail: ethicsoffice@mcmaster.ca

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