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## **SAFETY YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM THE PREVENTION COUNCIL**

December 2020

Ontario's Prevention Council and Chief Prevention Officer Ron Kelusky released the following statement today:

The end of the year is quickly approaching and we're all looking forward to a brighter 2021. It is important that all Ontarians to remain focused on safety and to use the year end as a time to review safety plans for the New Year.

It hasn't been an easy year, mainly due to the challenges we all faced related COVID-19 and how it has impacted our lives and our work. In addition, some hard-working Ontarians lost their lives while doing their day-to-day jobs. In December alone, there have been jobsite fatalities in London, Oshawa and Toronto. These recent jobsite fatalities highlight the fact that we need to proactively apply a safety lens to everything we do.

During the last few weeks of 2020, the PC recommends that we deliver on our safety responsibilities and follow these expectations:

**Lead by example:** Everyone must be a safety leader. Be engaged, visible and demonstrate your personal commitment to safety.

**Focus on the fundamentals:** Plan, communicate, mitigate and stop if conditions change. Everyone is empowered and expected to speak up. Our top priority should be making good choices on and off the job.

**Prepare for the holidays:** The holiday season can be a distraction for all of us. We need to stay alert and focus on the tasks we are doing and give ourselves enough time to do them.

**Make health the highest priority:** A second wave of COVID-19 is reminding us that we have to be diligent and take care of ourselves and each other. As we enter 2021, please continue to enforce COVID-19 protocols in all workplaces.

Thank you for your commitment to safety.

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