



OH&S STEWARDS BULLETIN

Information on Bill C-4 and its impact on health and safety

On October 22, the Harper government tabled *Bill C-4*, the federal budget. Hidden in the bill are proposed changes to the *Federal Occupational Health & Safety Act* for federal employees.

The changes would redefine danger and remove federal Health & Safety officers from the investigation process. If this legislation is passed, employers will be able to discipline workers for refusing work that they believe to be unsafe.

It is important that as Health & Safety stewards we stand together with our federal brothers and sisters in defending their health and safety rights. After all, if the government can water down safety regulations federally, then our provincial government could try to follow their example.

Below is a link to the Canadian Labour Congress website where you can find out more information and sign an email to be sent to the appropriate federal politicians.

<http://www.canadianlabour.ca/right-to-refuse-unsafe-work>

Please check out the website and feel free to pass this email on to others.

In solidarity,

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