

Special Safety Newsletter



MAY THE FOURTH BE CAREFUL

How Star Wars blatantly violates the OHSA!

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far, away, we witnessed countless health and safety non-compliance events that left Jedi, rebels, and stormtroopers experiencing unsafe work environments. Here are a few of the many ways in which the world of Star Wars violates the "Occupational Health and Safety Act:"

MUSTAFAR? MORE LIKE MUSTA-FAIL!

- Episode III's duel in the dilapidated industrial magma complex of Mustafar is certainly a hazardous location! Even if ignoring the lack of proper safety guarding around the dangerous energy of a lightsaber, "Ontario Regulation 851: Industrial Establishments" would not take kindly to this level of administrative negligence.
- Section 13(1)(c) requires a guardrail "around a machine, electrical installation, place or thing that is likely to endanger the safety of any worker." The lava barge seems perfectly safe to me!
- Section 84(c) through (f) states that "a worker exposed to the hazard of injury from contact of the worker's skin with [...] a hot object, hot liquid or molten material [...] shall be protected by wearing apparel sufficient to protect the worker from injury, or a shield, screen or similar barrier, appropriate in the circumstances."



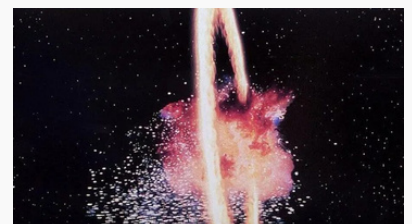
A HOSTILE WORKPLACE?

- Has your boss ever used the Force to choke you or throw you across the room?
- Part (a) of the "workplace violence" definition explains it as "the exercise of physical force by a person against a worker, in a workplace, that causes or could cause physical injury to the worker," but it does not explicitly say that workplace violence is contrary to the OHSA; is Darth Vader skirting the rules?



NO PROOF? NO PROBLEM!

- Did you know that the Empire had TWO Death Stars explode in just 4 years? They tried to hide this by failing to report it.
- Section 53 of the OHSA requires proper "notice in writing" within 2 days of an "unexpected explosion" at a "project site."
- If any worker is critically injured or killed, they must notify the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Trade, and Skills Development "immediately" and provide a written report "within forty-eight hours", as per Section 51(1).



WORKER'S RIGHTS (AS PER EMPIRE)

NO
You have no rights.

PARTICIPATE
You may feel inclined to participate in contesting the Empire. However, in the wise words of Sergeant Kreel, rebels "fight to overturn the rightful order of things; we fight because we have already won."

REFUSE
We refuse to allow you any opportunity to question these worker's rights.