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Small Business Day Prevention Council Statement

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Ontario's Prevention Council Chair released the following statement today:

The Prevention Council is committed to Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety system and acknowledges that small businesses are the lifeblood of Ontario's economy. **October 18th – 22nd** marks this year's Small Business Week, an annual nation-wide celebration that recognizes the contributions of entrepreneurs and small business owners. During this unprecedented time, we have seen small businesses face significant challenges, and now more than ever we need to remain committed to supporting small businesses in keeping their workplaces healthy, safe and open.

An event happening during this year's week-long campaign is the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development's Small Business Day webinar. The webinar will discuss some of the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and showcase select tools and resources offered by Ontario's occupational health and safety system that are intended to make occupational health and safety (OHS) easier for small businesses, a major focus of the recently launched Occupational Health and Safety Strategy 2021-2026 – *Prevention Works*. Please register for the Small Business Webinar at the following link:

[Small Business Webinar 2021 Tickets, Thu, 21 Oct 2021 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

We encourage all workplaces to participate in this important campaign and thank you for your ongoing support in keeping Ontario's workers healthy and safe.

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