ADVISORY No. 09
Series of 2021

Declaration of State of Emergency in the Province of Ontario, Canada

The public is hereby informed that effective 14 January 2021 at 12:01 a.m., EST, a stay-at-home order is imposed requiring everyone in the Province to remain at home with exceptions for permitted purposes or activities such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing healthcare services, for exercise, or for work where work cannot be done remotely. All businesses are required to ensure that any employee who can work at home, are allowed to work from home option.

The said state of emergency is being implemented by virtue of a second provincial emergency order under S.7.0.1 (1) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA).

The Province authorized all provincial officers, including the Ontario Provincial Police, local police forces, bylaw officers, and provincial workplace inspectors to enforce, inspect and/or issue tickets to establishments and individuals who do not comply with the stay-at-home-order and other restrictions during the state of emergency. Those who do not to abide by orders under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act (ROA) or EMPCA will be subject to a set fine and/or prosecution, as applicable.

Further, the Ontario’s Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is taking additional steps to protect workers by launching the “Stay Safe All Day” campaign, which focuses workplace inspections in areas of high transmission, including break rooms, and providing new educational materials to employers.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

Sources : Official Web Portal of the Government of Ontario
www.ontario.ca

POLO-Toronto