

## **2. Background**

Toronto Public Health is a member of the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition. One of the working groups of the Coalition is focused on occupational and environmental carcinogens. The purpose of this project is to provide a comprehensive overview of the health effects and exposure information available on ten toxic substances that are expected to be common in Toronto workplaces and/or environment. The prepared report will provide the basis for a report to Toronto's Board of Health and may be used as a background report by the Coalition. The goal is to provide a qualitative evaluation of the health impact the selected carcinogens may have on Toronto populations at work, at home or during other activities in Toronto.

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