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The OHSA imposes duties and responsibilities for workplace safety on all workplace parties, including employers, supervisors, workers, owners, and others. The OHSA clearly provides that the greatest responsibility for workplace health and safety resides with employers ...

Serious Campus Safety Concerns
March 17 2026

Faculty members' rights, duties, and liability under the Occupational Health and Safety Act ("OHSA")
March 24 2017

Asbestos Exposure

Since early 2017, UTFA has been calling on the University Administration to provide greater transparency regarding its Asbestos abatement activities in the Medical Sciences Building (MSB) on the St. George campus.

University of Toronto Staff, Faculty, Librarians, and Students Seek Transparency on Serious Asbestos Exposure
January 26, 2018

UTFA Letter to U of T Vice-Provost Faculty & Academic Life Regarding Asbestos Review Panel

October 3, 2017

Report of the Vice-President, Grievances, 2016–2017
April 10, 2017

Medical Science Building asbestos exposure incidences petition
March 31, 2017

UTFA Letter to U of T Vice-President & Provost Requesting Task Force to Address Asbestos Handling
March 29 2017

COVID

For many years UTFA has advocated for policy changes in occupational health and safety that protects our members and address our members' top priorities. The COVID pandemic has illustrated the need to renew and strengthen UTFA's capacity to address issues of central importance to our members, including health and safety.

COVID Update - Fall 2022
Sep 7, 2022

UTFA's Response to the Administration's Suspension of the Mask Mandate
Jun 30, 2022

Petition to Maintain the University of Toronto's Mask Mandate
April 22, 2022

COVID LOU Extension—New Town Hall; Health & Safety Update
February 28, 2022

Updates on Bargaining, the COVID LOU, and Health and Safety
January 28, 2022

Omicron Update/End of Year Best Wishes
December 23, 2021

COVID/Omicron Variant: Questions for the Administration
December 14, 2021

Course credit / CERF / COVID LOU survey

November 2, 2021

Petition Calling for a Safe University of Toronto Re-opening
September 24, 2021

Video: "Is it safe enough to return to campus? What do public health scientists say?"
September 15, 2021

Expert Panel: 'Is it safe enough to return to campus? What do public health scientists say?' Thurs. Sept. 9, 2021 at 7-9 PM1
September 8, 2021

UTFA Information Session on the COVID LOU and Updates from the Central Health and Safety Committee, August 31, 2021
September 1, 2021

Open Letter to President Gertler on COU Lobbying on Occupancy Limits
August 31, 2021

Administration Updates Vaccination Policy to Require Proof
August 19, 2021

Open Letter to President Gertler
August 12, 2021

UTFA Council Ratifies COVID LOU (Agreement Reached with Administration)
August 11, 2021

Health and Safety Checklist for University Reopening
July 16, 2021

Update on Health and Safety
August 24, 2020

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