

NOTICE

On Tuesday, April 1, 2008, the following regulatory changes will come into effect:

NEW

Explosive Use - Blasting

- The use of explosives at work is regulated.
- The *Blasting Safety Regulations* and the *Blasting Trade Regulations* become effective.
- Under the new trade regulations, changes have been made to the training and certification process:
 - blaster will be a newly designated trade;
 - required to re-certify every five years; and
 - increased labour mobility.
- Under the revised safety regulations:
 - standards for storage, use and work practices prescribed;
 - standards for public safety;
 - control of specialized blasting activity;
 - elimination of duplicate magazine licensing; and
 - standards update.

REMINDER

Violence in the Workplace

- Workplace safety for Nova Scotians will be improved by the completion of the Workplace Violence Prevention Strategy.
- Starting on Tuesday, high risk workplaces must have a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan, this includes:
 - risk assessment;
 - preventative actions established.

The changes in regulations aim to increase workplace safety in Nova Scotia and reduce administrative burden.

More information is available at www.gov.ns.ca/enla, and www.ednet.ns.ca or 1-800-LABOUR (1-800-952-2687).