



## ONA Provincial Health and Safety Teleconnect

**Violence Aggression and Responsive Behaviour (VARB) tools, what are they and how can ONA's Health and Safety Leaders and Joint Health and Safety Committees (JHSC) use them?**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016

**Time:** 1630 to 1800 EST (Eastern Standard Time).

**Topic:** ONA has been helping the Public Services Health and Safety Association (PSHSA) build tools for you to use to reduce violence in your workplaces. The flagging toolkit, the first to be released, will be the focus of this connect.

During this 1.5-hour session, we will explain PSHSA's VARB project, a multi-year initiative to work with ONA and other stakeholders in developing five useful tools, beginning with the flagging toolkit. We'll discuss the need for identifying patients with a history of violence, and how JHSCs can work with employers in adapting the PSHSA flagging tool to your workplaces.

**Audience:** This teleconnect will be of particular interest to ONA's Bargaining Unit Health and Safety Representatives, Bargaining Unit Presidents, Local Coordinators and JHSC members.

**Format:** Once again ONA's Regional Vice-President Laurie Brown, RN will be the moderator for this teleconference. PSHSA Henrietta Van Hulle, Executive Director Health and Community Services, and ONA Health and Safety Specialist Erna Bujna, will explain VARB and in particular, the flagging tool.

Following the presentation there will be an interactive question-and-answer session. A recording of the session will be available for 48 hours after the session has ended. This recording will also be available online in the Executive Section of ONA's website at [www.ona.org](http://www.ona.org) approximately two weeks after the session.

**Registration:** ONA members can register for the teleconnect by sending an email to [RegisterHealthSafety@ona.org](mailto:RegisterHealthSafety@ona.org). Members will be required to provide their name and ONA ID number. Once registered, the member will receive a response that will include the telephone number to call in as well as the conference number to enter.

**Materials:** PowerPoint slides of the presentation will be emailed to registrants prior to the teleconnect. The presentation and related materials will be posted on the ONA website at [www.ona.org](http://www.ona.org) following the teleconnect.

**Questions:** When registering for the teleconnect, members will also be able to pre-submit any questions they would like addressed during the presentation.