



**Take charge on toxics campaign**  
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- United Steelworkers
- Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition
- Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment
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- **Reduce** the release of toxic chemicals in places where people live, work and play by 50 per cent within five years in Ontario to protect public health.
- **Replace** toxic chemicals where safer alternatives exist.
- **Restrict** the use of toxic chemicals that are still in use through guidance from an Ontario Toxic Use Reduction Institute (OTURI).
- **Report** annually on progress and monitor emissions, holding industry accountable to reduce their use of toxic substances through enforcement of regulations.
- **Reveal** to all Ontarians the toxic chemicals in their workplaces, community and homes through an identifiable product label or symbol and access to a public database.



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