Labour Standards and other Protective Legislation

While a great deal of reliance has been placed on collective bargaining as a means of establishing pay rates and other terms and conditions of employment in Canada, legislation also plays an important role in defining minimum standards in such areas as pay, hours of work, vacations and holidays. There is also a considerable volume of legislation dealing with matters of welfare -- for example, minimum employment age, safety codes, compensation for on-the-job accidents and industrial diseases, unemployment insurance and fair employment practices. Other provisions include individual and group terminations of employment, severance pay, equal pay for equal work (as between male and female employees), maternity leave, and protection from dismissal, protection or lay-off solely because of garnishment proceedings.

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