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Coroner's Inquest Recommendations

Jury recommendations from the coroner's inquest into a death which occurred as a result of the collapse of the Uptown Theatre in December 2003 included several pertaining to engineers. They include:

- By June 2008 PEO shall complete and implement guidelines and professional standards relating to the provision of professional engineering services within the practice of demolition.
- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing shall amend the Ontario Building Code to ensure that, where an engineer is required to provide general review during demolition,
 - a. a site visit has been conducted by the engineer, and
 - b. a demolition plan has been completed under an engineer's seal before a permit is issued for the demolition
- The Ministry of Labour shall develop a policy directive with respect to the provision of engineering services in demolition projects.
- The Ministry of Labour shall notify the demolition and construction industry of expected engineering requirements during demolition projects.
- The Ministry of Labour shall amend the Occupation Health & Safety Act Regulations to ensure that during complex demolition projects.
 - a. a site visit has been conducted by the engineer
 - b. a demolition plan has been completed under an engineer's seal; and
 - c. an engineer shall undertake a general review of the demolition.