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AMO Policy Update – Emergency Orders Extension and Towing Industry Oversight

Extension of Emergency Orders

The Ontario government has [extended all emergency orders](#) currently in force that were made under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until **July 10, 2020**, while removing restrictions that were limiting access to certain sports training facilities.

The Province has removed certain restrictions for Stage 2 indoor sports and recreational fitness activities facilities. This will allow the facilities to be used by more businesses and organizations to train amateur or professional athletes, or to run certain non-contact amateur or professional athletic competitions. In all cases, facility owners are only able to permit activities to occur in a way that meets public health requirements. This will enable many sports and recreational organizations to again offer sport training programs.

A full list of emergency orders can be found on the [e-Laws website](#) under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and at [Ontario.ca/alert](https://ontario.ca/alert).

Increasing Towing Industry Oversight

The Province is establishing a [ministerial task force](#) to improve provincial oversight of the towing industry. This task force will help develop a regulatory model that will increase safety and enforcement, clarify protections for consumers, improve industry standards, and consider tougher penalties for violators. This action is being taken in response to concerns raised about incidents of criminal activity and violence in the towing industry.

The task force will review several topics related to the towing industry including provincial oversight of safety, consumer protection, improved industry standards, training, and background checks. As some municipal governments do license towing operations within their jurisdictions, we will monitor any consultations or activities arising from this provincial task force.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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