

## Frequency of Inspections

SAFE Work Manitoba (in one of their web-based videos) says workplace inspections must be performed with a minimum frequency of 90 days. WorkSafe BC says it varies greatly with type of workplace – even twice per day at construction sites where things can change very quickly.

The following information is taken from the BC Worksafe information:

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The following is an overview of various inspections that should be considered when developing a safety inspections system:

**Planned inspections** are to be done on a regular basis as specified by OH&S Reg. 3.3(b) and 3.5. Although the term “regular” does not specify a time period, these inspections are generally done in accordance with the hazards associated with a particular industry and its potential for serious incidents. An example of a low hazard industry might be an office which does its planned inspections on a 30-day basis. However, a higher hazard industry such as logging might be doing planned inspections every week or 10 days. A large construction site in downtown Vancouver could be conducting two inspections a day to meet the required by-laws. Planned inspections are also the time to check on other persons who have inspection responsibilities to ensure that they are being done according to regulation and established standards.

**Spot or Special Inspections** should be done by management, supervisors and safety committee members from time to time. The purpose of a spot inspection may be to follow up on corrective action after an incident or accident. Other reasons may be the installation of a new piece of equipment or a change in a work process or procedure, which may prompt an update to the inspection checklists or guidelines.