

Labour Day? Too Soon To Celebrate

Friday, September 2, 2005 – It is worth remembering, this Labour Day long weekend, that not everyone who works on the statutory holiday Monday will do so by choice. In fact, many Canadians will be working that day without the extra pay they are entitled to. Some of them will be lucky to get paid at all.

It is not as if we don't have laws to prevent this. Every Canadian jurisdiction has legislation setting minimum wages, overtime pay, paid vacations and public holidays, job protection for maternity leaves, and so forth.

But a law isn't worth much if it's ignored or isn't enforced. Such is the case in Canada today. Too many workers are falling through the cracks and paying the price.

In a recent commentary, Patrice Dutil, Director of Research at the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, and Ron Saunders, Director of CPRN's Work Network, explain what needs to be done to ensure compliance with our labour standards and the consequences of not acting.

To access a copy of their commentary, ***One Cheer for Labour Day***, [click here](#).

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