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The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has established a Tip Line for the reporting of any inappropriate activity related to highway construction.

MTO launched the program, along with a number of other initiatives, in response to the Auditor-General's report late last year which urged the Ministry to strengthen government oversight of highway construction contracts and projects.

Anyone who suspects inappropriate activity on a government contract, construction project or in the materials used in construction is being asked to report this information. Examples of inappropriate activity cited by MTO are:

- Switching or tampering with test samples to misrepresent product quality
- Falsifying results of quality control tests
- Misrepresenting goods or services delivered in order to reduce costs or increase profit
- Misrepresenting how much construction material was actually used on a project
- Submitting inflated invoices on a project
- Bid rigging or collusion in the preparation of contract bids

All reports to the Tip Line will be reviewed by the Ministry. If warranted, it will pursue sanctions against the contractor or consultant, and it will also contact the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for further investigation and possible criminal prosecution.

To learn more about the Ministry's Tip Line, click [here](#).