

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Tree Planters in 2019



309

Full-time employees

0 0
Injury Disease*
Work-related fatalities

45
Total injuries

3
Lost-time injuries

14.56
Total injury rate per 100 workers

+3.3%
Change in injury rate from previous year

Events resulting in lost-time injury or illness

Injury or illness severe enough to require one or more days lost from work



67%

Contact with objects and equipment
(struck by objects)



33%

Bodily reaction and exertion
(excessive physical effort, repetitive motion)

Most common lost-time injuries

2 **Contacts with objects and equipment**, includes being struck against a stationary object; struck by rolling, sliding object on floor.

1 **Bodily reaction and exertion**, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from repetitive motion, bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting, slipping, tripping, overexertion in lifting, pulling, pushing, carrying, or turning objects.

Top 3 Occupational Diseases

Based on approved WSIB claims for healthcare, being off work, loss of wages, or permanent disability.

6 **Injury and poisoning**, includes insect bites, allergic reactions, and heat exhaustion.

2 **Noise-induced hearing loss.**

1 **Other.**

*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2019 Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2020. RG 033A Sep 2020 WSN



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SafePlanting.com: Official online health and safety training for Ontario tree planters

E-learning helps both new and experienced tree planters understand the challenges

This fully updated e-learning program provides dynamic and interactive pre-employment training for rookie tree planters. The program is also of value to more experienced planters who may not have had access to such a comprehensive overview of the hazards and necessary controls to do the work safely and productively.

Safeplanting.com is mobile-friendly. Participants can log in to the course from anywhere with an Internet connection, and managers can access administrative features from their preferred device. Upon successful completion of the quizzes in all modules, a certificate will be issued confirming successful completion of the training.

The course also includes a SafePlanting.com reference app – so planters can get health and safety information where they are planting, no cell signal required. The app can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store onto devices and accessed any time – regardless of location.

WHMIS

The Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) has aligned with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). GHS is a worldwide system. Its goal is to have a common set of rules for classifying hazardous products, common rules for labels, and a standard format for safety data sheets (SDSs).

This course familiarizes you with the “WHMIS” system and how it is used in workplaces. Learning about WHMIS is part of the knowledge that you need to protect yourself and your co-workers from hazardous products.

This course was developed by CCOHS in partnership with the Workplace Hazardous Materials Bureau of Health Canada (formerly the National Office of WHMIS).

Safe Driving on Forest Roads

Available in classroom and e-learning formats, this training course reviews the hazards of driving company, personal or recreational vehicles on logging roads. It covers the unique physical nature of these roads, how to travel safely on them, and how to prepare a vehicle and driver for travelling on them.

Mandatory Awareness Training

(Disponible en français)

All workplaces in Ontario covered under the Occupational Health and Safety Act must ensure their workers and supervisors have completed a basic health and safety awareness training program. The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) has provided free training material that meets the requirements set out in new Ontario Regulation 297/13 - Occupational Health and Safety Awareness and Training. Access free English and French modules here: <https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca/training/mandatory-awareness-training>.

About Workplace Safety North - Your local health and safety partner

An independent not-for-profit, Workplace Safety North is one of four health and safety associations in Ontario, and the only one headquartered in the north. WSN provides provincially-approved workplace health and safety services for mining and forest products sectors, as well as for businesses and communities in northern Ontario.

With health and safety specialists located across the province, WSN and its legacy organizations have been helping make Ontario workplaces safer for more than 100 years. As a leading provider of health and safety services, businesses and communities call upon WSN for expert advice and training. For more information, visit workplacesafetynorth.ca.



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