

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Veneer, Plywood, and Wood Preservation Sector in 2019



2,782

Full-time employees

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Injury Disease*
Work-related fatalities

137
Total injuries

24
Lost-time injuries

4.92
Injury rate per 100 workers

-20.8%
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



54%

Bodily reaction and exertion

(excessive physical effort, free bodily motion that results in stress or strain on the body, assuming an unnatural position, and repetitive motion)



33%

Contact with objects or equipment

(caught in or compressed by equipment or objects; struck by or against object; and caught or crushed in collapsing materials)



13%

All other

(explosion; falls on same level; non-highway transportation accident)

Most common lost-time injuries

13 **Bodily reaction and exertion**, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from overexertion in lifting, pulling, pushing, carrying or turning objects; walking, tripping over something without fall; repetitive motion, bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting, slipping, tripping, .

8 **Contact with objects or equipment**, includes being caught in or compressed by equipment or object; struck by slipping, handheld object; struck by swinging or slipping object; and caught or crushed in collapsing materials.

2 **All other**, includes explosion of vessel or piping; falls to floor walkway or other surface; and non-collision transportation incident.

Occupational Disease



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Noise-induced hearing loss WSIB claims for healthcare, being off work, loss of wages, or permanent disability.

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Injury and poisoning, includes toxic gases or fumes; foreign body on eye or cornea; allergic reaction.

*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2019. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2020. RG 036 Sep 2020 WSN

Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

JHSC Part 1, 2, and Refresher training – focus on workplace-specific hazards

JHSC Certification: Part 1 (three days)

(Disponible en français)

This mandatory course provides participants with an understanding of how to recognize, assess and control workplace hazards, the rights and duties of certified members, and how to conduct effective workplace inspections and incident investigations.

JHSC Certification: Part 2 (two days)

Focusing on the concepts of recognition, assessment, and control of hazards, and evaluation of the hazard controls, participants learn how to apply these concepts to a minimum of six hazards relevant to their own workplaces. In addition, learners practise drafting action plans and recommendations for the employer.

Key hazards

- Unsafe operation of equipment
- Inadequate maintenance of machine guarding
- Failure to follow lock out procedures
- Poor lifting procedures
- Working in uncomfortable positions
- Work or equipment operation requiring repetitive motion
- Inadequate attention to workplace hazards while walking
- Failure to follow procedures while handling hazardous substances

JHSC Certification Refresher (one day)

Training includes a review of key concepts in Part 1 and 2 of JHSC certification along with updates to legislation, standards, and best practices.

The one-day refresher training program is legally required every three years and provides the most up-to-date information that JHSC professionals can use to keep their workplace health and safety practices current and effective.

Also Available

Competent Supervisor Training

(Disponible en français)

Equivalent to Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development mandatory awareness program for supervisors, this program makes supervisors aware of their legal duties and responsibilities, and provides a sound foundation of health and safety knowledge to deal with the variety of issues they will face in their work. Supervisors are responsible for helping set and maintain an organization's safety culture.

Health and Safety Representative Basic Training

Employers with 6 to 19 workers are required to ensure workplaces have a worker Health and Safety Representative (HSR), as stated in the Occupational Health and Safety Act. To help small businesses comply with the law and strengthen their internal health and safety culture, the Ministry and Ontario health and safety associations (including Workplace Safety North) have developed an e-learning program that provides HSRs with the knowledge and skills they need to perform their legislated duties effectively.

About Workplace Safety North

Your local health and safety partner

An independent not-for-profit, Workplace Safety North (WSN) is one of four health and safety associations in Ontario, and the only one headquartered in the north.

WSN provides province-wide government-approved workplace health and safety services for forest products and mining sectors, as well as for businesses and communities across 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.

WSN is a leading provider of health and safety services, and businesses and communities call upon WSN for expert advice and training. For more information, visit workplacesafetynorth.ca.



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