

Top 10 Health and Safety Risks in Paper Products Sector

Insufficient mobile equipment training is top risk

As identified by workers, supervisors, and employers in the Ontario paper products industry through a risk assessment workshop facilitated by Workplace Safety North.



1. Lack of training and monitoring of workers operating mobile equipment



6. Exposure to noise



2. Conveyor equipment injuries



7. Machine interaction causing worker injury



3. Worker injury due to substance use



8. Chemical exposure harming worker



4. Insufficient training leads to worker injuries



9. Struck by forklifts



5. Workplace culture leads to worker injuries



10. Lack of proper safety gear results in worker injuries

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Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification and industrial safety training

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

JHSC Certification: Part 1

This mandatory course is available in three formats: self-paced e-learning, instructor-led virtual training, and instructor-led classroom training. Participants learn 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

This mandatory course is available in two formats: instructor-led virtual or classroom training. 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.

JHSC Certification Refresher

This mandatory course is available in two formats: instructor-led virtual or classroom training. 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

Equivalent to Ministry's 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.

About Workplace Safety North

Your health and safety partner

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

Headquartered in northern Ontario, WSN supplies province-wide Ministry-approved workplace health and safety training and services for the mining and forest products industries.

As a leading provider of health and safety training and consulting, businesses call upon WSN for expert advice and information.

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