

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Forestry, Paper, Printing, and Converting Sector in 2023



69,580

Full-time employees

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Injury Disease*
Work-related fatalities

2,379
Total injuries

700
Lost-time injuries

3.42
Total injury rate per 100 workers

-11.24%
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



39%

Contact with objects or equipment

(struck by or against objects, caught in or compressed by equipment or collapsing materials, objects; rubbed or abraded by friction or pressure)



31%

Bodily reaction and exertion

(overexertion; repetitive motion; bodily reaction; bodily reactions and exertion; static posture with application of force to an object)



17%

Falls

(falls on same or to lower level, jump to lower level)



12%

Other

(assaults, harassment; transportation accidents, pedestrian struck by vehicle, mobile equipment; exposure to noxious substances, temperature extremes, electricity, stressful event)

Most common lost-time injuries

273

Contact with objects and equipment, includes being struck by or against slipping handheld object; flying, rolling, swinging, sliding, or stationary object, vehicle, or mobile equipment; caught in or compressed by running equipment or machinery; rubbed or abraded by friction or pressure.

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Bodily reaction and exertion, includes overexertion in lifting, pulling, pushing, carrying, throwing or turning objects; slip, trip, twist, or loss of balance without fall; repetitive motion, bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting, slipping, tripping; repetitive use of tools; sustained viewing.

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Falls, includes falls to floor, walkway, down stairs or other surface; falls onto or against objects; falls from nonmoving vehicle, scaffold, staging, piled or stacked material; falls or jumps to lower level.

Top 3 Occupational Diseases

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

176

Noise-induced hearing loss.

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Injury and poisoning, includes effects of toxic fumes; insect venom and bites; burns to face, head, neck, limbs; concussion; heat and sun stroke; foreign body on eye.

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Exposure, includes contact or exposure to hazardous chemicals, potentially hazardous substances.

* Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2023 Source: Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2023 NAICS codes 113210, 321215, 321911, 321919, 321920, 321999, 323114, 323115, 113311, 113312, 115310, 321111, 321114, 321211, 321216, 321217, 322111, 322121, 322130, 322211, 322212, 322220, 322230, 322291, 322299, 323113, 323116, 323119, 323120. Note: NAICS 111421 Nursery and Tree Production removed from statistical report. WSN June 2024.



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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

(Disponible en français)

This mandatory course is available in three formats: self-paced e-learning, and instructor-led virtual or classroom training. Participants learn how to recognize, assess and control workplace hazards, rights and duties of certified members, and how to conduct inspections and investigations.

JHSC Certification: Part 2

(Disponible en français)

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.

JHSC Certification Refresher

(Disponible en français)

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.

Health and Safety Representative (HSR) Basic Training

(Disponible en français)

Employers with 6 to 19 workers are required to ensure workplaces have a worker Health and Safety Representative, as stated in the Occupational Health and Safety Act. This small business e-learning training program provides guidance on the powers, functions and duties of the workplace health and safety representative.

Also available

Competent Supervisor Training

Equivalent to Ministry of Labour, Immigration, 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. Refresher course also available. Supervisors are responsible for helping set and maintain an organization's safety culture.

About Workplace Safety North

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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 administers the Ontario Mine Rescue program and provides province wide Ministry-approved workplace health and safety training and services for the mining and forest products industries.

With health and safety specialists and mine rescue officers located across the province, WSN and its legacy organizations have been helping make Ontario workplaces safer for more than 100 years.

A leading provider of health and safety training and consulting, WSN is a trusted resource for businesses looking to improve workplace health and safety.



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