

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Veneer, Plywood, and Wood Preservation Sector in 2016



2,843

Full-time employees



Events resulting in lost-time injury or illness

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



50%

Contact with objects or equipment

(struck by or against object, and caught in or compressed by equipment or objects)



31%

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)



15%

Falls

(falls to lower level, falls on same level)



4%

All others

(struck by shifting load - non-highway incident)

Total number of lost-time injuries

13

Contact with objects and equipment, includes struck against stationary object; struck by falling or flying object; struck by rolling, sliding object on floor; caught in running equipment or machinery; compressed or pinched by rolling, sliding/shifting object; and caught in or compressed by equipment or object.

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Falls, includes falls down stairs or steps, falls to lower level, falls to floor, walkway or other surface, and falls onto or against objects.

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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.

Occupational Disease



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Noise-induced hearing loss Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) healthcare claims.

Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2017. RG 036, WSN Nov 2017.

Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

Focus on hazards specific to veneer, plywood, wood preservation

JHSC Certification: Part One (three days)

(Disponibile 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 Two (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.

By the end of the two-day course, participants will:

- Review material covered in Certification Part One
- Understand the hazard-related concept of recognize, assess, control and evaluate (RACE)
- Understand key hazards specific to the sector
- Use various tools to help recognize, assess and control hazards, and evaluate hazard controls
- Understand the role of the Joint Health and Safety Committee in relation to the Internal Responsibility System.

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

Also available

Competent Supervisor Training

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Health and safety awareness training is now law for every worker and supervisor in Ontario. WSN Competent Supervisor training focuses on the health and safety rights and responsibilities of workers, supervisors, and employers; and gives supervisors the tools to integrate health and safety into their everyday role. Supervisors are responsible for helping set and maintain a strong safety culture.

Safe Chainsaw Use in Forestry Mills

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The four-hour combined classroom and optional on-site training session is designed to assist workers in sawmill or veneer operations in the safe care, control and operation of a chainsaw in the unique circumstances of these industries. Using the knowledge, practices and techniques developed in the WSN Professional Chainsaw Operation certification course, this much-abbreviated course will ensure that workers have the basic knowledge to carry out safe chainsaw use in cutting logs and lumber in obstruction or jam-up situations.

Membership benefits

A strong safety culture is a sign of a healthy, productive workplace. As a member of Workplace Safety North (WSN), you're entitled to expert advice and information, including access to classroom and online training programs, on-site meetings, health and safety audits, industrial hygiene testing, ergonomic assessments, specific problem-solving and more.

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 based in the north. WSN provides Ministry-approved workplace health and safety services for mining and forest products sectors, as well as 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. 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.