

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Paper Products Sector in 2016



4,742

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



41%

Contact with objects or equipment

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



39%

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)



12%

Falls

(falls to lower level, or on same level)



8%

All other

(contact with temperature extremes; exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances; assaults, violent acts, harassment by person(s))

Most common lost-time injuries

20

Contact with objects and equipment, includes struck by or against object; struck by flying, falling, slipping, rolling, or sliding object; caught in running equipment or machinery; and caught in or compressed by equipment or object.

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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.

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

Top 3 Occupational Diseases

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

10

Noise-induced hearing loss

2

Symptoms, signs, and conditions of disease, includes tachycardia, dizziness, and giddiness.

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Injury and poisoning, includes heat exhaustion.

*Disease fatality claims approved by WSIB in 2016. Statistical information from: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2017. RG 341 WSN May 2017.

Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

Focus on hazards specific to paper products sector

JHSC Certification: Part One (three days)

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 training
- Understand hazard-related concept of recognize, assess, control and evaluate (RACE)
- Understand key hazards specific to sector
- Use various tools to help recognize, assess and control hazards, and evaluate hazard controls
- Understand 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

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 training programs, on-site consultations, health and safety audits, industrial hygiene testing, specific problem-solving, and more.

- On-site employee health and safety training
- Supervisory and management health and safety training
- Workplace safety and health inspections
- Technical safety and health consultation
- Access to health and safety resources

Also available

Competent Supervisor Training

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Equivalent to Ministry of Labour 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.

Working at Heights Safety Training

Ministry of Labour-approved course provides participants with most up-to-date information, with hands-on instruction from industry experts and trained adult educators; for workers who use personal fall protection systems: travel restraint systems; fall restricting systems; and fall arrest systems. Successful participants receive 'Proof of Training' wallet card from Prevention Office. Refresher training required every three years. workplacesafetynorth.ca/workingatheights

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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 located 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.