

# Workplace Excellence Awards

“The award means to us that we are on the right path. Participating in the Workplace Excellence Awards is a good way for organizations to benchmark against others. It’s not a question about winning or losing, but where can an organization improve.”

– **Human Resources Manager**



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# Recognizing excellence in workplace health and safety

## A strong safety culture reflects a healthy, productive workplace

Each year, Workplace Safety North (WSN), the occupational health and safety association for Ontario forestry, mining, and paper, printing, and converting (PPC) sectors, recognizes provincial workplaces with a strong health and safety culture and system.

The Workplace Excellence awards recognize companies that demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the prevention of illness and injury and continuous improvement. In order to qualify for a Workplace Excellence award, companies must complete an assessment of current health and safety programs, note areas for improvement, and develop an action plan to improve their safety performance.

All Workplace Excellence award winners are automatically considered for the President's Award, which recognizes the top health and safety performer in each WSN sector, and one small business with fewer than 50 employees.

In addition, northern Ontario businesses from other industries are encouraged to apply for the Northern Ontario Business award.

The President's Award is the highest provincial health and safety honour, and recognizes exceptional commitment to continuous improvement in occupational health and safety.

“Being recognized with awards like this one demonstrates to our employees and external stakeholders that we have a strong commitment to ongoing improvement in our safety performance.”

– **General Manager**

## Who can participate?

Ontario firms with predominant business activities in Workplace Safety North's WSIB sector rate groups, as well as northern Ontario businesses are encouraged to participate in the Workplace Excellence awards program.

### Paper, Printing and Converting

039 – Pulp, Newsprint and Specialty Papers  
041 – Corrugated Boxes  
333 – Printing, Platemaking and Binding  
338 – Folding Cartons  
341 – Paper Products

### Forestry

030 – Logging  
033 – Mill Products and Forestry Services  
036 – Veneer, Plywood and Wood Preservation

### Mining

110 – Gold Mines  
113 – Nickel Mines  
119 – Other Mines  
352 – Steel and Other Smelting and Refining Industries

### Small Business

Within WSN sectors; fewer than 50 employees

### Northern Ontario Business

All other business (non-WSN) sectors in northern Ontario

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