

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Tree Planters in 2018



362

Full-time employees

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Injury Disease*
Work-related fatalities

51
Total injuries

9
Lost-time injuries

14.09
Total injury rate per 100 workers

+>100%
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



44%

Bodily reaction and exertion
(excessive physical effort, repetitive motion)



22%

Falls
(falls on same level)



22%

Exposure to harmful substances or environments
(contact with temperature extremes; exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances)



11%

All other
(pening type of incident.)

Most common lost-time injuries

4 **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.

2 **Exposure to harmful substances or environments**, includes exposure to environmental heat, injections, stings, venomous bites.

2 **Falls**, includes falls to floor, walkway or other surface.

Top 3 Occupational Diseases

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

3 **Injury and poisoning**, includes superficial injury of hand(s) and other unspecified sites, and heat exhaustion.

1 **Symptoms, signs and conditions of disease**, includes rash and other non-specific skin eruptions.

1 **Skin and subcutaneous tissue diseases**, includes cellulitis of trunk.

*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2018. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2019. RG 033A Nov 2019 WSN



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SafePlanting.com: Official online health and safety training for Ontario tree planters

E-learning helps both new and experienced tree planters understand the challenges

This fully updated e-learning program provides dynamic and interactive pre-employment training for rookie tree planters. The program is also of value to more experienced planters who may not have had access to such a comprehensive overview of the hazards and necessary controls to do the work safely and productively.

Safeplanting.com is mobile-friendly. Participants can log in to the course from anywhere with an Internet connection, and managers can access administrative features from their preferred device. Upon successful completion of the quizzes in all modules, a certificate will be issued confirming successful completion of the training.

The course also includes a SafePlanting.com reference app – so planters can get health and safety information where they are planting, no cell signal required. The app can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store onto devices and accessed any time – regardless of location.

WHMIS 2015

The Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) has aligned with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). GHS is a worldwide system. Its goal is to have a common set of rules for classifying hazardous products, common rules for labels, and a standard format for safety data sheets (SDSs).

This course familiarizes you with the “WHMIS 2015” system and how it is used in workplaces. Learning about WHMIS 2015 is part of the knowledge that you need to protect yourself and your co-workers from hazardous products.

This course was developed by CCOHS in partnership with the Workplace Hazardous Materials Bureau of Health Canada (formerly the National Office of WHMIS).

Safe Travel on Logging Roads

(Disponible en français)

This half-day classroom training course reviews the hazards of driving company, personal or recreational vehicles on logging roads. It covers the unique physical nature of these roads, how to travel safely on them, and how to prepare a vehicle and driver for travelling on them. Divided into five modules, the course covers the following topics: characteristics and types of logging roads, duties and rights of workers, types of vehicles travelling on logging roads and legislation, safe, defensive, and seasonal driving practices, components of a circle check, and radio communication systems.

Mandatory Awareness Training

(Disponible en français)

All workplaces in Ontario covered under the Occupational Health and Safety Act must ensure their workers and supervisors have completed a basic health and safety awareness training program. The Ministry of Labour (MOL) has provided free training material that meets the requirements set out in new Ontario Regulation 297/13 - Occupational Health and Safety Awareness and Training.

About Workplace Safety North – 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 headquartered in the north. WSN provides provincially-approved workplace health and safety services for mining and forest products sectors, as well as for businesses and communities in 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.



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