

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Forestry, Paper, Printing, and Converting Sector in 2017



62,581
Full-time employees

1 Injury **4** Disease*
Work-related fatalities

2,016
Total injuries

494
Lost-time injuries

3.22
Total injury rate per 100 workers

-5.3%
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



37%

Contact with objects or equipment

(struck by or against object, caught in or compressed by equipment or objects, and rubbed or abraded by friction or pressure)



37%

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)



17%

Falls

(falls or jumps to lower levels, falls on same level)



9%

All others

(non-collision incidents, contact with skin, eye or other exposed tissue; pedestrian struck by vehicle, falls from moving vehicle; exposure to caustic, noxious substances, etc.)

Most common lost-time injuries

183

Contact with objects and equipment, includes struck by or against objects; struck by falling, flying, dislodged, discharged, rolling, sliding, slipping or swinging objects; caught in or compressed by equipment or machinery; rubbed or abraded by foreign matter in eye; stepped on object; struck by or slammed in swinging door or gate; contact with objects and equipment; and compressed or pinched by rolling, sliding or shifting object.

183

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.

84

Falls, includes falls to floor, walkway, or other surface; falls down stairs or steps; falls onto or against objects; falls from ladder; jumps to lower level; falls on same and lower level; and falls or jumps from non-moving vehicle.

Top 3 Occupational Diseases

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

124

Noise-induced hearing loss

15

Injury and poisonings, includes burns, toxic effect of venom, gases, fumes, vapour, and other substances; sprains and strains; and adverse effects of allergies

8

Exposure, includes exposure to chemical agent

*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2017. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2018. RG 030, 033, 036, 039, 041, 333, 338, 341 WSN May 2018.

Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

Focus on hazards specific to workplace

JHSC Certification: Part One (3 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 (2 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

(Disponible en français)

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.

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 health and safety partner

An independent not-for-profit, Workplace Safety North is one of four sector-based health and safety associations in Ontario, and provides Ministry-approved workplace health and safety training and services for the mining and forest products industries, as well as businesses across northern Ontario.

With health and safety specialists located across the province, Workplace Safety North 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, businesses call upon WSN for expert advice and information.

Services: Safe Workplace Ontario (SWO) third-party business health and safety certification program, WSIB safety group incentive programs, and health and safety systems and cultural audit.

Training: Ministry-approved courses; Joint Health and Safety Committee Certification, Working at Heights Safety Training, Competent Supervisor, Mental Health First Aid, Positive Psychology, Mine Rescue, Mining and Forestry Mandatory Skills Training.