

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Forestry, Paper, Printing, and Converting Sector in 2018



61,541
Full-time employees

3 Injury **2** Disease*
Work-related fatalities

2,221
Total injuries

558
Lost-time injuries

3.61
Total injury rate per 100 workers

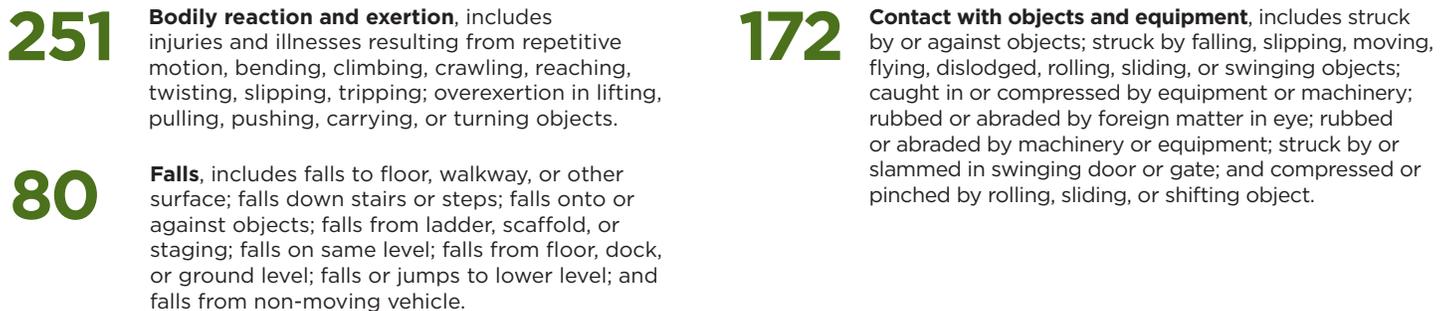
+12.1%
Change in injury rate from previous year

Events resulting in lost-time injury or illness

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

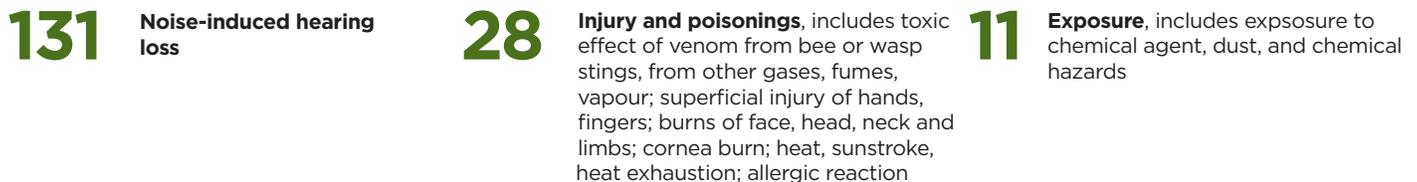


Most common lost-time injuries



Top 3 Occupational Diseases

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



*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2018. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2019. RG 030, 033, 036, 039, 041, 333, 338, 341 WSN June 2019.

Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

Focus on hazards specific to workplace

JHSC Certification: Part One (three days)

(Disponible 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

Health and Safety Representative Basic Training

Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, employers are required to ensure that workplaces with 6 to 19 workers have a worker Health and Safety Representative (HSR). To help small businesses comply with the law and strengthen their internal health and safety culture, the Ministry of Labour and Ontario health and safety associations (including Workplace Safety North) have developed an e-learning program that provides HSRs with the knowledge and skills they need to perform their legislated duties effectively.

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.

About Workplace Safety North

Your local health and safety partner

An independent not-for-profit, Workplace Safety North (WSN) is one of four health and safety associations in Ontario, and the only one headquartered in the north.

WSN provides province-wide government-approved workplace health and safety services for forest products and mining sectors, as well as for 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.

WSN is a leading provider of health and safety services, and businesses and communities call upon WSN for expert advice and training. For more information, visit workplacesafetynorth.ca.