

# Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Forestry, Paper, Printing, and Converting Sector in 2019



**59,455**  
Full-time employees

**2** Injury **1** Disease\*  
**Work-related fatalities**

**2,085**  
**Total injuries**

**487**  
**Lost-time injuries**

**3.51**  
**Total injury rate per 100 workers**

**-2.8%**  
**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



**42%**

**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)



**32%**

**Contact with objects or equipment**  
(struck by or against objects, caught in or compressed by equipment, objects, or collapsing materials, rubbed or abraded by friction or pressure)



**19%**

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



**7%**

**Other**  
(highway or non-highway incidents; pedestrian struck by vehicle, mobile equipment; exposure to: hot objects, electrical energy, cold; caustic, noxious or allergenic subs; witnessing traumatic event; explosion, etc.)

## Most common lost-time injuries

**204** **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.

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

**152** **Contact with objects and equipment**, includes struck by or against objects; caught in or compressed by equipment or machinery; struck by falling, slipping, moving, flying, dislodged, rolling, sliding, or swinging objects; struck by or slammed in swinging door or gate; rubbed or abraded by foreign matter in eye; rubbed or abraded by machinery or equipment; compressed or pinched by rolling, sliding, or shifting object; and struck or pierced by needle.

## Top 3 Occupational Diseases

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

**129** **Noise-induced hearing loss**

**34** **Injury and poisonings**, includes exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances; inhalation in open or nonconfined space; struck against stationary object

**7** **Exposure**, includes exposure to chemical agent, dust, and chemical hazards

\*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2019. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2020. RG 030, 033, 036, 039, 041, 333, 338, 341 WSN June 2020.

# Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

Focus on workplace-specific hazards - JHSC Part 1, 2, and Refresher training

## 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](http://workplacesafetynorth.ca).



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