

OHS eNews



New and updated resources

New resources:

- [COVID-19: OHS enforcement of workplace masking requirements](#)

Updated resources:

- [COVID-19 incidents - Reporting to Alberta Occupational Health and Safety](#)
- [COVID-19 publications by industry](#)

Visit the OHS Resource Portal

Have your say in OHS Code changes



Alberta's government continues to update and improve OHS laws to make them easier for employers and workers to understand and comply.

This is the first year of a [three-year review plan](#) for the OHS Code. This year, the review covers changes required by the recently-passed [Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act](#). The review also covers parts of the OHS Code that require the most immediate updates.

Complete the online survey to provide your input on the proposed changes. The survey closes May 10, 2021.

Complete online survey

Proactive inspections



The OHS proactive inspection program is a way to help work site parties identify and address health and safety hazards. OHS officers focus inspections on specific industry sectors, employers or types of work that show:

- relatively high injury and illness rates
- high frequency of incidents or complaints
- persistently low rates of compliance
- emerging trends

Over the next few months, eNews will highlight the 2021 inspection program target areas to help you understand and prepare for inspections that might come your way. Stay tuned.

[Read about the OHS proactive inspection program](#)

NAOSH Week



North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week is May 2-8, 2021. The goal of this event is to focus employers, workers and stakeholders, as well as the public, on the importance of health and safety in the workplace. Be part of NAOSH Week activities and help promote occupational health and safety in Alberta.

[Plan a NAOSH Week event or find an event near you](#)

National Day of Mourning



Canada's National Day of Mourning takes place on April 28. It's a day when we can take time to recognize those workers who have suffered injury or illness, or have died from hazards and incidents at their workplace.

For more information and awareness tools, visit the WCB Day of Mourning webpage.

[WCB Day of Mourning](#)

Reported occupational fatalities, 2019-2021



**Construction trades
helpers and labourers
(15%)**

**Most common
occupation**



**Number of
workplace
fatalities**

110



54%

**are workers aged
50 or older**

Data source: Alberta Labour and Immigration, DASH, as of March 25, 2021

Incidents

Below are summaries of selected work-related serious injuries and incidents reported to Alberta OHS. Each incident resulted in a worker being admitted to hospital. Use these incidents as a way to start health and safety conversations in your workplace.

As these incidents are still under investigation, no additional information can be shared.

Unstable loads

A worker climbed onto a trailer loaded with pipes. The pipes started to roll causing the worker to fall off the flatbed. Some of the pipes that rolled off the trailer hit the worker. *Mining and petroleum development.*

A worker was checking the load on a log truck when a log fell off and hit the worker in the leg. *Agriculture and forestry.*

Burst hose

A worker was under a pumpjack platform to connect a winch line to a steel support pillar. A hose burst releasing hot steam which engulfed worker, causing severe burns. *Mining and petroleum development.*

Collapsed trench

A worker was in a trench connecting pipes when part of the trench wall broke, hitting the worker in the head and causing them to strike their head on the pipe. *Construction and construction trade services.*

Quick links

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[Occupational fatalities
reports](#)

[Approved training](#)

Contact OHS

1-866-415-8690 (toll-free)
780-415 -8690 (Edmonton)
TTY: 1-800-232-7215
TTY: 780-427-9999 (Edmonton)

[Report a serious incident](#)

[Online incident reporting](#)

Potentially serious, mine or mine site incidents

[File a complaint](#)

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