

# Health and Safety eNews

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## **OHS Act is now in effect!**

Albertans have an improved OHS system that better protects workers and ensures they have the same rights as other Canadians. An overview of the changes can be viewed [here](#). In order to support the legislative changes, the new technical requirements under the Code are now available. The *OHS Act* and Code are available at the [Alberta Queen's Printer](#).

## **OHS information for workers and employers**

What are some of the highlights of the new OHS legislation? The following bulletins will help guide you through some of the new requirements.

- [Harassment and violence in the workplace](#)
- [Health and safety programs](#)
- [Occupational health and safety on farms and ranches](#)
- [Workplace Violence Prevention Plan for retail fuel and convenience stores](#)
- [WHMIS 2015 Information for employers](#)
- [WHMIS 2015 Information for workers](#)

## **Health and Safety Committee Webinars**

A webinar providing an overview of the requirements for health and safety committees and representatives is now available. To help improve your understanding of the changes, please [register](#) to reserve your spot. Space is available on a first-come first served basis. A recorded, on-demand version of each webinar is also available.

- [Do you need a joint work site health and safety committee or representative on multiple work sites?](#)
- [Joint work site health & safety committees](#)

### **Contact OHS**

1-866-415-8690 (toll-free) 780-415-8690 (Edmonton)

TTY: 780-427-9999 (Edmonton) TTY: 1-800-232-7215

[Report an Incident](#)

[PSI Online Reporting Service](#)

## **Technical Rules for Farm and Ranch**

On December 1, 2018, waged, non-family farm and ranch workers will have similar rights and protections as other working Albertans. The changes address workplace hazards, safety training and maintenance of equipment. A recorded on-demand [webinar](#) provides an overview of the specific farm and ranch requirements. A new [flip book](#) provides information to help employers and workers on farms and ranches understand their roles. Highlights of the changes are on the [website](#).

## **Health and Safety Committee Training**

Alberta Labour, in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, has developed a [free introductory course](#) for Alberta residents to help committee co-chairs and representatives learn about their roles and responsibilities. This course will help employers meet their requirements to ensure committee members and representatives have adequate training. Learn more about the requirements [here](#).

## **Workplace First Aid Training**

Labour is updating its workplace first aid training agency and course approval process. New first aid training agency and course approval requests are not currently being accepted. Information on the new approval process will be available in the fall. First aid agencies and courses currently approved will continue to maintain their approval status at this time. For further information, call the OHS Contact Centre.

## **Innovation and Engagement Grants**

Applications for the upcoming 2019-20 cycle will open mid-August. To receive updates send an [email](#) asking to be added to the notification list.

## **OHS Resource Portal**

The new enhanced search portal contains OHS bulletins, fact sheets, manuals and other health and safety documents for workers, employers and prime contractors. Certain resources are available in print and may be ordered through the portal [here](#).

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### Incidents Recently Reported to the OHS Contact Centre

These are summaries of selected work-related incidents recently reported to Alberta OHS. The summaries are based on information obtained as soon as possible after the incident. They are preliminary and subject to change. Because they are being investigated by the employers involved, no additional information will be available.

**Worker's hand caught in machinery** A worker was repairing a high pressure carbon dioxide pump. A co-worker turned on the pump while the worker's hand was within the wheel-belt mechanism of the machinery. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Manufacturing and Processing*

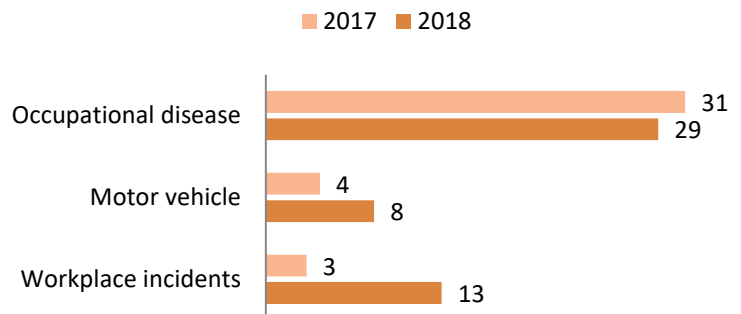
**ATV rollover** Two workers were traveling in an all terrain vehicle (ATV) that was towing a trailer. The driver of the ATV made a left turn resulting in the trailer jack-knifing and rolling onto its right side. The passenger sustained leg injuries and was admitted to hospital. *Public Administration, Education and Health Services*

**Co-worker activates equipment** A worker was manually placing a steel pipe section on a threader. A co-worker at the controls activated the clamp to hold the pipe. The worker's left leg was pinched between the pipe and the jaws of the clamp, injuring their leg. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Manufacturing and Processing*

**Worker falls off roof** Two workers were re-roofing a residential garage when one worker fell to the ground, sustaining injuries. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Construction and Construction Trades*

**Worker falls through unsecured grating** A worker was cleaning equipment when they stepped on a section of grating that wasn't properly replaced. The grating section shifted, causing the worker to fall through the opening to the floor below. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Manufacturing and Processing*

### Fatalities accepted by WCB-Alberta (January 1 to April 30)



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