

# Health and Safety eNews

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### OHS Act is in effect

An overview of the OHS legislative 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 printed copies 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.

- [Applying for a joint worksite health and safety committee or health and safety representative approval](#)
- [HSC/HS Rep approval Self-Evaluation Tool](#)
- [Employer's guide to OHS](#)
- [Worker's guide to OHS](#)

### Health and Safety Webinars

Improve your understanding of the new OHS rules by participating in the following interactive [webinars](#) or viewing the recorded versions where available.

- [Health and safety committees and representatives](#)
- [OHS Act changes](#)
- [OHS requirements for farms and ranches](#)



### OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool App

A useful resource for planning outdoor work activities based on how hot it feels throughout the day. Featuring real-time heat index and hourly forecasts, specific to your location, as well as occupational safety and health recommendations from OSHA and NIOSH. Learn more [here](#).

### Innovation and Engagement Grants

[I&E grants](#) fund non-profit and public sector organizations for projects aimed at improving OHS awareness, knowledge and action in Alberta. Applications for the upcoming 2018-19 cycle will open mid-August and close mid-Oct. Send an [email](#) asking to be added to the notification list.



### Service dogs at workplaces

The Alberta government is launching new decals that businesses, schools and workplaces can display in their windows to help welcome service dogs and their owners. [Watch](#) the video about service dogs. Read the short [article](#).

### 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 new [flip book](#) provides information to help employers and workers on farms and ranches understand their roles. Highlights of the changes may be found [here](#) and the Code Amendment Regulation Ministerial Order [here](#).

### 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. Learn more about the legislative requirements [here](#).

### OSHA Occupational Chemical Database

This chemical inventory is OSHA's premier one-stop shop for occupational chemical information. It compiles information from several government agencies and organizations. [Information available includes:](#)

- Chemical identification and physical properties
- Exposure limits (Check OHS Code for Alberta alignment)
- Sampling information

### Contact OHS

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

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

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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 falls through unguarded opening** A worker working on the roof of a new construction building removed fall protection when walking across the roof. When turning to speak to a co-worker, the worker lost their footing and fell through a vent hole landing on their shoulder and head. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Construction and Construction Trades*

**Baker scaffold topples** Two workers were standing on a baker scaffold. Leaning against the guardrails to remove drywall, the scaffold tipped over. One worker was unharmed while the other worker slipped and landed on a pry-bar. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Construction and Construction Trades*

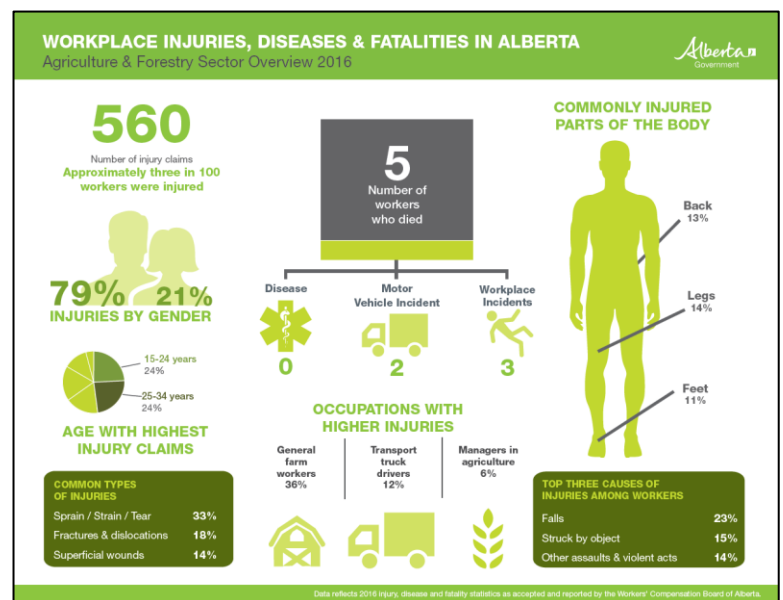
**Worker falls from unsecured joists** A worker was walking on unsecured main floor joists at a residential home under construction. The joists rolled back, causing the worker to fall 2.9 metres to the basement floor. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Construction and Construction Trades*

**Worker loses finger in lathe** A maintenance worker was using a lathe to polish the shaft of a roll pan cleaning device. The worker's arm caught on the pin of the shaft, amputating a finger after it made contact with the machine. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Manufacturing and Processing*

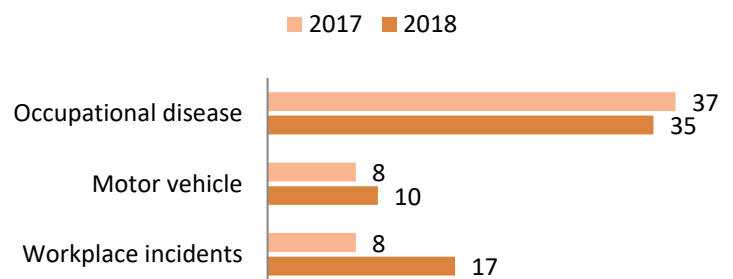
### Search Employer Records

The [database](#) covers 5 years of employer-specific data on lost-time claims and disabling injury claims and fatalities, reported to the WCB by March 31, 2017. The report also covers the stop work orders issued, administrative penalties issued, and/or convictions against the employers.

**Infographics for 2016** Find them [here](#).



### Fatalities accepted by WCB-Alberta (January 1 to May 31)



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