

# Health and Safety eNews

## September 2018

### Focused Inspection Programs

This fall, OHS will conduct focused inspections to help:

- protect workers' OHS rights,
- enhance employers' awareness of their responsibilities, and raise awareness of work site hazards, and
- increase compliance with OHS laws.

The priorities and timeframes for focused inspections are announced, but individual work sites are not identified in advance. For more information, go to [alberta.ca/ohs-compliance.aspx](http://alberta.ca/ohs-compliance.aspx)

### OHS Information for Workers and Employers

What are some of the highlights of the OHS legislation?

What do workers and employers need to know? The following resources will help guide you through some of the legislative requirements.

- [Applying for an OHS acceptance](#)
- [Application for an acceptance](#)
- [Connect with OHS and ES](#)
- [Connect with a health and safety association](#)
- [OHS Act](#)
- [Wildfire Smoke](#)

### OHS Innovation and Engagement (I&E) Grants

[Applications](#) are now open for [I&E grants](#) that fund non-profit and public sector organizations for projects aimed at improving OHS awareness and knowledge.

Deadline for submission is **Oct. 15, 2018**. Projects must align with one of the following priority areas:

- impairment in the workplace (i.e. prescription or recreational drugs, stress, fatigue or other factors),
- workplace violence and mental health (i.e. bullying, harassment, physical violence, domestic violence),
- vulnerable workers (i.e. new and young workers, recent immigrants, workers with disabilities),
- support for improving compliance in small business (i.e. developing resources and tools to assist small businesses in meeting their obligations, supports for agricultural workers), and
- occupational disease.

### Technical Rules for Farm and Ranch

On Dec. 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 and responsibilities. For more information, including highlights of the changes see our [website](#).

### Health and Safety Webinars

Improve your understanding of the new OHS rules by participating in interactive [webinars](#). Register [here](#) for any of the following:

- Harassment and violence in the workplace
- Health and safety committees and representatives
- *OHS Act* changes
- OHS requirements for farms and ranches

### Know Your Obligations After a Workplace Incident

Every successful return to work starts with a great plan. New WCB legislation effective Sept. 1, 2018 makes it even more important for all Alberta employers and their workers to work together to have a solid return-to-work plan in place should incidents happen. Learn more [here](#).

#### 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](#)

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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 ceiling** A worker was working in the attic of a building and fell through a false ceiling into an unoccupied room. The worker struck a desk in the room before hitting the floor. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Construction and Construction Trades*

**Worker falls from ladder** Two workers were in a chemical room checking equipment. One of the workers climbed up an "A" frame ladder that was in the closed position and propped up against a tank. The ladder slipped and the worker fell to the floor striking their head. The worker was admitted to hospital.

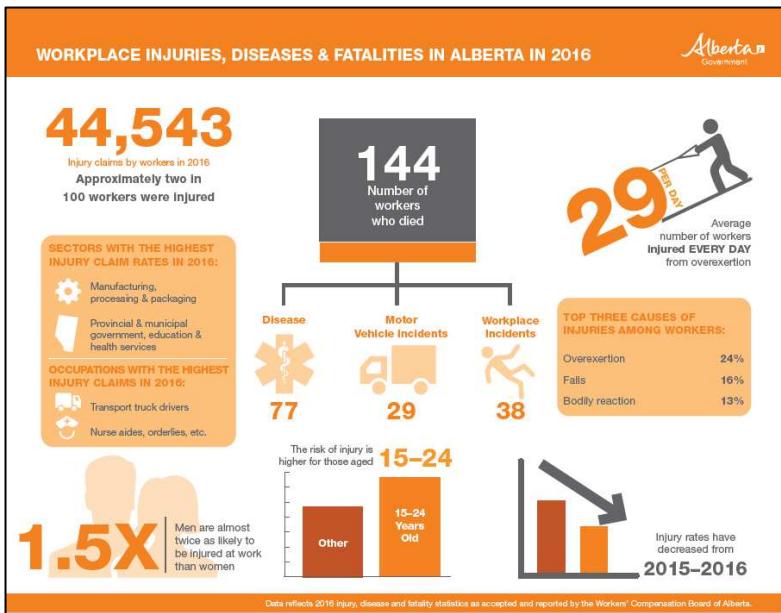
*Manufacturing and Processing*

**Worker burned by hot oil** A worker was emptying oil fryers, pouring the oil into plastic jugs. One of the jugs failed and the worker was burned by the hot oil. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Business, Personal and Professional Services*

**Rigging fails** Using a mobile crane, workers lifted a spool of piping to a height of 0.6 m. While moving the load the rigging failed, dropping the spool on top of the crane spotter's left foot. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Manufacturing and Processing*

**Unsecured load crushes worker's hand** Two workers were working on leaf springs on opposite sides of an unsecured trailer. When the trailer shifted, one of the worker's hands was crushed. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Retail and Wholesale Trade*

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



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

