

OHS eNews

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OHS information for employers and workers

Visit the [Online Resource Portal](#) for resources to help guide you through OHS legislative requirements. Provide feedback on your portal experience through the '[Feedback](#)' link, found on the left-hand menu within any category.

New and updated information includes:

- [Approved first aid training agencies](#)
- [Asbestos project notification online feature](#) webinar (new)
- [Health and safety on Alberta farms and ranches](#)
- [Right to refuse dangerous work](#) (new)
- [Work site inspections: information for employers](#) (new)

Respiratory viruses

Learn about respiratory viruses in the workplace, including legal responsibilities, infection prevention and best practices in [Respiratory viruses and your workplace](#).

OHS starter kit

Find information to help comply with Alberta's OHS laws and tools to help develop an occupational health and safety program in the new [Occupational health and safety starter kit](#).

Discriminatory action complaints

Get clear on discriminatory action complaints: what they are, when they exist and how they are processed. Read the [Discriminatory action complaints](#) bulletin.

Online incident reporting

The current online reporting system for potentially serious incidents and mining or mine site incidents will be replaced this month. You will need a MyAlberta Digital Identity for Business account to access the new OHS online incident reporting service.

- [My Alberta Digital Identity for Business](#)
- [Potentially serious incidents](#)
- [Mine or mine site incidents](#)

Contact OHS

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

[Report an Incident](#)

[Online incident reporting service](#)

Changes to joint work site health and safety committee rules

Changes to the joint work site health and safety committee requirements came into effect on December 13, 2019. Learn about the [new HSC requirements](#) and [new training requirements](#).

- Sign up [here](#) to participate in a live HSC one-hour webinar
- [Health and safety committees and representatives](#)
- [Mandatory health and safety committee and representative training](#)
- [HSC and HS representative agency training standard](#)

Farm and ranch

OHS changes reflected in the *Farm Freedom and Safety Act* (FFSA) came into effect on January 31, 2020. To learn more about these changes read [FFSA highlights](#) or visit [Occupational health and safety: Farm and ranch](#).

Industry notices and statistics

OHS issues notices after a fatality as an educational resource. Notices for 2019 are found on [Industry notices](#). OHS statistics report and infographics are available [online](#).

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Incidents recently reported to the OHS Contact Centre

Below are summaries of selected work-related incidents reported to Alberta OHS. 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.

Assault

A security guard approached two individuals. One of the individuals assaulted the security guard. The security guard fell to the ground and struck their head, resulting in admission to hospital. *Wholesale and retail.*

Slip and fall

A worker descended a flight of stairs. When they stepped from the last stair onto to the ground they hit a patch of ice, slipped and fell to the ground. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Mining and petroleum development.*

Fall

A worker was on a roof wearing a fall protection harness that was not properly secured. The worker slipped and fell eight metres to the ground. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Construction and construction trades.*

Severed finger

A worker was cleaning a blockage in food processing hopper using their fingers. The worker's finger was severed by a blade. The worker was admitted to hospital. *Manufacturing, processing and packaging.*

Explosion

A worker was welding when some slag fell onto residue from cleaning fluid. The fluid ignited causing an explosion. The facility was evacuated. No injuries resulted. *Provincial and municipal government, education and health services.*

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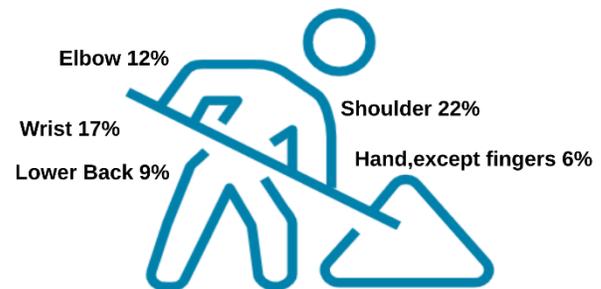
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Repetitive Motion Injuries

Top 3 Industries

1. Meat Processing	15%
2. Health Care Services	8%
3. Food/Convenience Stores	7%

Top 5 Injury Types



Note: All percentages are the per cent of accepted Workers' Compensation Board claims

Data Source: 2014-2018 Workers' Compensation Board claims database