

OHS eNews

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OHS information for employers and workers

Visit the [OHS Resource Portal](#) for resources to help guide you through OHS legislative requirements. Give feedback on the portal through the '[Feedback](#)' links found on the left side of category pages.

New or updated resources include:

- [Asbestos project notification online feature](#)
- [Discriminatory action complaints](#)
- [Occupational health and safety starter kit](#)
- [OHS work site inspections: what to expect](#)

New online OHS services

You can now [report](#) potentially serious, mine or mine site incidents, [apply](#) for acceptances or approvals or, if you've received an OHS order, [submit](#) your report on compliance online. Learn more at:

- [Report potentially serious incidents](#)
- [Report mine or mine site incidents](#)
- [OHS acceptances and approvals](#)
- [Reporting compliance with an OHS order](#)

To access these new services, you'll need a MyAlberta Digital Identity for Business account. Watch the [My Alberta Digital Identity for Business how-to webinar](#)

Respiratory viruses

Read [Respiratory viruses and the workplace](#) to learn about respiratory viruses like the novel coronavirus.

Daylight savings time

On Sunday, March 8, we turn our clocks ahead for spring daylight savings time. Some studies show that sleep lost with this time change increases the incidence and severity of next day injuries, including driving and working injuries.

- For related information, read [Fatigue, Extended Work Hours and Workplace Safety](#).

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 service](#)

Farm and ranch safety

Alberta's [Farm Freedom and Safety Act](#) came into effect January 31, 2020. Find Alberta [farm and ranch safety resources](#) on the OHS resource portal, including posters and a handbook about health and safety on Alberta farms and ranches.

HSC and HS representatives

Changes to [health and safety committee and representative requirements](#) came into effect on December 13, 2019.

- [Sign up here](#) to participate in a live HSC/HS representative one-hour webinar on March 17 or March 31.

Approved first aid training: in-person component required

As a reminder, any OHS-approved workplace first aid course must include an in-person skills portion. First aid courses offered entirely online are not recognized by Alberta OHS.

- Only those agencies and courses on the [approved list](#) are recognized providers of workplace first aid in Alberta.

NAOSH Week May 3-9, 2020

North American Occupational Safety and Health ([NAOSH](#)) Week is a chance for employers and workers to focus on preventing injury and illness in the workplace. It's not too soon to start planning!

Recent OHS 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.

Fall from ladder

A worker fell off a ladder while conducting overhead work. The worker fell approximately 7 feet to the ground *Construction and construction trades*.

Forklift collision

A worker operating a stand-up forklift lost control of the forklift and collided with a wall. *Manufacturing, packaging and processing*.

Caught in conveyer

A worker removed a guard to adjust a conveyer belt. The worker sustained injuries when their clothing got caught in the machinery. *Mining and petroleum development*.

Slip and fall

A worker slipped and fell while walking on an icy pathway. *Provincial and municipal government, education and health services*.

Hit by object

Three workers were rolling a pipe along a rail. The pipe fell off the rail and hit a worker. *Manufacturing, packaging and processing*.

Fall from truck deck

A worker was working on the back of a truck and fell of the truck deck to the ground, suffering an injury. *Manufacturing, packaging and processing*.

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Occupational-related cancer

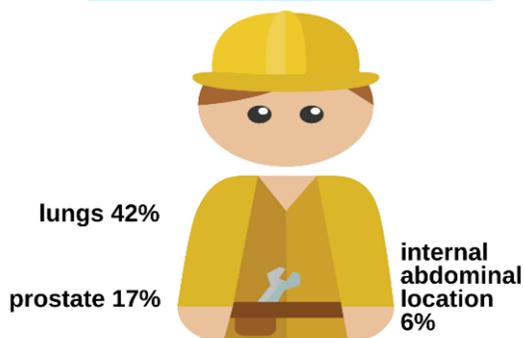
Test your knowledge of occupational-related cancer, check out the health quizzes on the [Occupational Health and Safety Quizzes](#) webpage.

Occupational-related cancer

Top 3 occupations

1. Fire service workers	63%
2. Steam, pipefitters, sprinkler workers	5%
3. Plumbers	3%

Top 3 body parts affected



Top 3 known sources of cancer

1. Asbestos	41%
2. Chemicals	40%
3. Metallic particulates/dust	5%

39% of cancer claims have an unknown source reported

Note: All percentages are the per cent of accepted Workers' Compensation Board claims
Data Source: 2014-2018 Workers' Compensation Board claims database