

# Oil and gas work sites defined

## Information for employers and prime contractors

This resource defines oil and gas work sites for the purposes of the *Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act* section 10(1).

### Key information

Oil and gas work sites with two or more employers or self-employed persons (or a combination of these) involved in the work require a prime contractor.

Recent changes to the *OHS Act* require an oil and gas work site with two or more employers or self-employed persons (or a combination of these) involved in the work at the site to have a prime contractor.

Oil and gas work sites include:

- geophysical operations
- lease, road or facility construction
- drilling, completion, servicing, testing and operation of oil and gas wells
- site abandonment, remediation or reclamation
- pipeline construction and operation
- gas storage
- extraction, upgrading and refining of oil sands
- in-situ heavy oil and bitumen recovery (e.g., SAGD )
- downstream refining and processing of oil and gas products

Oil and gas work sites do not include:

- coal mining
- power plants
- retail sale of oil and gas or finished products
- manufacturing and transportation of oil and gas equipment
- low-risk office environments

Every construction and oil and gas work site or a work site designated by a Director must have a prime contractor if there are 2 or more employers or self-employed persons, or one or more employers and one or more self-employed persons involved in work at the work site.



-*OHS Act* s. 10(1)

For further information, please contact the OHS Contact Centre at 780-415-8690 in the Edmonton area or 1-866-415-8690 in the rest of Alberta.

## Contact Us

### OHS Contact Centre

Anywhere in Alberta

- 1-866-415-8690

Edmonton & area

- 780-415-8690

Deaf or hearing impaired:

- 1-800-232-7215 (Alberta)
- 780-427-9999 (Edmonton)

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### Website

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**The role and duties of the prime contractor (LI018)**

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**Work site health and safety committees and representatives webpage**

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