

# Oil and gas work sites defined

## Information for employers and prime contractors

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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.

The *OHS Act* requires 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

Report serious incidents, make immediate danger complaints, ask OHS questions

Anywhere in Alberta

- 1-866-415-8690

Edmonton and surrounding area

- 780-415-8690

Deaf or hearing impaired

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

### File a complaint online

[ohsComplaintsPortal.labour.alberta.ca](https://ohsComplaintsPortal.labour.alberta.ca)

### Online incident reporting

Potentially serious, mine or mine site incidents

[oir.labour.alberta.ca](https://oir.labour.alberta.ca)

### Website

[alberta.ca/OHS](https://alberta.ca/OHS)

## For more information

### Construction work sites defined (LI064)

[ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/li064](https://ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/li064)

### Do I need a health and safety program? (LI036-1)

[ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/li036-1](https://ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/li036-1)

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

[ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/li018](https://ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/li018)

### Health and safety committees and representatives (LI060)

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