

Motor Vehicle Fatalities Accepted by the Workers' Compensation Board

Year to date, numbers as of November 30, 2009

The fatalities listed represent motor vehicle fatalities that have been accepted by the Workers' Compensation Board and recorded by the month accepted.

Motor vehicle fatalities typically involve non-industrial vehicles operating on public roads, where the fatally injured worker was either the driver or a passenger. This type of occupational fatality also includes cases involving aircraft crashes, train crashes, helicopter crashes and water vehicle crashes.

Industry Descriptions

Industry Sector	Description
Agriculture and Forestry	Includes greenhouses and market gardens, feed lots, timber management, logging and related woodlands operations including the trucking of logs.
Business, Personal and Professional Services	Includes building and grounds maintenance, financial services, restaurants, hotels and recreation facilities, security services, and professional services such as engineering.
Construction and Construction Trades	Includes the construction of houses, apartments, industrial plants, roads, bridges and pipelines, and specialized construction trades (e.g. plumbing, painting, roofing, and bricklaying).
Manufacturing and Processing	Involves manufacturing beyond the raw product: includes saw mills, pulp mills, food and beverages, metal fabrication, petrochemicals, and oil refineries.
Mining and Petroleum Development	Includes underground and open pit mining, oil sands mining and processing, operation of oil and gas wells, drilling and servicing of wells, and related services in the oil fields.
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	Includes the provincial government, all forms of local government, universities, colleges, business schools, libraries, hospitals and long term care facilities.
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	Includes public transportation (air, rail, bus), trucking, radio, television, live theatre, electricity, natural gas and garbage collection.
Wholesale And Retail Trade	Includes food and beverage stores, department stores, home improvement centers, and sale and service of automobiles and equipment.

Industry Sector	2009 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)	2008 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)
Agriculture and Forestry	2	1
Business, Personal and Professional Services	1	1
Construction and Construction Trades	1	13
Manufacturing and Processing	2	4
Mining and Petroleum Development	2	4
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	0	6
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	7	12
Wholesale and Retail Trade	2	4
TOTAL	17	45
Delayed Fatalities ¹	3	2

Date of Acceptance	Description
Agriculture and Forestry	
January 2009	A 40-year old heavy equipment operator was driving a company truck, lost control and entered the ditch and rolled several times. The worker was ejected from the vehicle.
April 2009	A 47-year old truck driver was driving a tractor trailer on a primary highway and was involved in a head on collision with another vehicle causing both to burst into flames.
BUSINESS, PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
April 2009	A 67-year old pilot died from injuries sustained in a plane crash during routine search and rescue training.
CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE SERVICES	
August 2009	A 40-year old foreman lost control of the vehicle and veered off the road. Slippery road conditions may have been a factor.
MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING	
April 2009	A 25-year old pipefitter/welder was travelling on a secondary highway when the vehicle crossed the centre line and collided with oncoming traffic.

¹ Delayed or latent motor vehicle fatalities include workers involved in a motor vehicle incident that did not become a fatality until a much later date, often years later. From 2007, these incidents are to be categorized under the original incident. Previously, these workers have been classified and recorded as occupational disease fatalities. Delayed fatalities have not been included in the year-to-date total as they do not reflect present hazards or exposures.

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August 2009	A 54-year old carpenter/contractor was travelling east on a primary highway. An ambulance was travelling west in the ditch, re-entered the highway, crossed the centre line and collided with the worker's vehicle.
MINING AND PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT	
June 2009	A 36-year old owner/operator lost control of the tanker vehicle on a curve in the highway when the front wheel entered the gravel shoulder. In attempting to steer back onto the highway, the worker overcorrected causing the trailer to collide into a retaining wall, enter the ditch and down the embankment.
November 2009	A 40-year old heavy equipment operator was driving a heavy hauler on an industrial mining site, collided with another heavy hauler causing both vehicles to roll down an embankment resulting in the fatality.
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	
February 2009	A 65-year old pilot car operator was driving company vehicle and collided head on with another vehicle that crossed the centre line.
February 2009	A 35-year old truck driver was travelling on the highway and while passing another vehicle the tire caught the snow shoulder left by a grader. The worker lost control of the vehicle resulting in a single vehicle rollover. The worker was ejected from the vehicle.
February 2009	A 42-year old pilot died from injuries sustained in a plane crash.
March 2009	A 62-year old driver was travelling on a highway, struck a snowdrift, lost control of the vehicle and crossed into oncoming traffic colliding head-on with a snow plow.
April 2009	A 50-year old truck driver was driving a semi-trailer unit on the highway. Lost control, crossed the median, entered the ditch and rolled the vehicle.
May 2009	A 48-year old truck driver lost control of a tractor-trailer while turning right off the highway, causing the truck to roll and slid down a guard rail over an embankment.
August 2009	A 23-year old truck driver's vehicle was struck by another vehicle and lost control.
Wholesale and Retail Trade	
February 2009	A 40-year old cashier was a passenger in a vehicle that was struck by an SUV at an intersection. Worker was not wearing a seatbelt.
August 2009	A 19-year old service advisor was travelling at highway speeds and collided with two separate vehicles travelling in the opposite direction.
Delayed Fatalities	
January 2009	[Public Administration, Education and Health Services] A 61-year old worker died from complications related to a work related motor vehicle accident in January 1982.
January 2009	[Construction and Construction Trade Services] A 60-year old worker died from medical complications related to a work related motor vehicle accident in May 2005.
July 2009	[Construction and Construction Trade Services] A 47-year old pipefitter passed away from complications due to a spinal injury suffered in a truck rollover in 1979.

Date of Acceptance	Description
November 2009	[Construction and Construction Trade Services] A 50-year old worker died from medical complications related to quadriplegia resulting from a motor vehicle accident in 1997.