

Motor Vehicle Fatalities Accepted by the Workers' Compensation Board

Year to date, numbers as of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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	2008 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)	2007 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)
Agriculture and Forestry	1	0
Business, Personal and Professional Services	1	4
Construction and Construction Trade Services	14	6
Manufacturing and Processing	4	4
Mining and Petroleum Development	4	4
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	6	5
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	12	17
Wholesale and Retail Trade	5	3
TOTAL	47	43
Delayed Fatalities ¹	3	1

Date of Acceptance	Description	
	AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY	
March 2008	A 62-year old driver lost control of the vehicle, crossed the centre line on a gradual corner on the highway and struck an on-coming vehicle head-on.	
Business, Personal and Professional Services		
January 2008	A 63-year old safety manager was travelling on a private road and collided head on with a bus that crossed over and entered the worker's traffic lane.	
Construction and Construction Trade Services		
February 2008	A 47-year old mechanic was driving on a highway and collided with another vehicle.	
April 2008	A 48-year old drywall installer was travelling as a passenger in a company vehicle on a primary highway. The vehicle lost control, swerved over the centre line and collided with an oncoming vehicle.	
April 2008	A 30-year old project manager died from injuries sustained in a plane crash.	
April 2008	A 35-year old commercial sales manager died from injuries sustained in a plane crash.	

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.

Date of Acceptance	Description
May 2008	A 49-year old swamper was a passenger in a vacuum truck travelling on a secondary highway. The tire caught the shoulder and the driver overcorrected steering the vehicle back onto the highway, lost control and rolled the vehicle several times.
June 2008	A 50-year old truck driver was driving a water truck, lost control of the vehicle that entered the ditch and rolled. Worker was crushed under the vehicle.
June 2008	A 38-year old project coordinator was travelling on a primary highway, lost control of the vehicle, crossed the centre line and collided head-on with an oncoming pickup truck.
July 2008	A 28-year old labourer was driving a 3-ton truck on a city road, while merging into traffic the vehicle struck a steel girder on the median and rolled.
July 2008	A 40-year old heavy duty equipment operator was travelling on a secondary highway when the right front tire caught the shoulder, causing the vehicle to enter the ditch and roll several times.
August 2008	A 64-year old construction superintendent's vehicle was struck broad side by another vehicle.
September 2008	A 50-year old labourer was driving a one ton truck and towing a loaded trailer when the trailer brakes malfunctioned on hill causing the worker to lose control of the vehicle resulting in a fatal accident.
October 2008	A 23-year old operator was driving a vacuum truck that entered the ditch off the highway resulting in a vehicle rollover accident.
November 2008	A 23-year old electrical apprentice was travelling on a main highway, apparently fell asleep and missed the turn in the road resulting in his vehicle rolling over.
December 2008	A 29-year old maintenance engineer was a passenger and died from injuries sustained in a plane crash.
	Manufacturing and Processing
February 2008	A 24-year old heat treatment technician was a passenger in a company truck travelling at highway speeds. The driver lost control of the vehicle at the road section where the highway transitions from two to four lanes. The vehicle veered and collided with oncoming traffic.
February 2008	A 32-year old heat treatment technician was the driver of a company truck travelling at highway speeds. The worker lost control of the vehicle at the road section where the highway transitions from two to four lanes. The vehicle veered and collided with oncoming traffic.
April 2008	A 26-year old electrician was travelling in a half ton truck on a mining worksite and collided with an oversized heavy hauler.
August 2008	A 32-year old sales rep's vehicle was struck by an oncoming vehicle that crossed the centre line on a curve in the highway. As a result, the worker lost control of the vehicle, entered the ditch and rolled.

Date of Acceptance	Description
Mining and Petroleum Development	
January 2008	A 72-year old truck driver was driving a company crew truck that collided head on with another vehicle that crossed the line on the highway.
March 2008	A 33-year old truck driver was travelling on a mining worksite road, lost control of the gravel truck that broke through a guard rail and fell 80 feet down an embankment. The truck rolled and landed upside down crushing the cab. Poor weather conditions may have been a factor in the accident.
July 2008	A 35-year old truck driver was driving a tractor trailer unit on a double lane highway with narrow shoulders, veered slightly off the road, attempted to steer the truck back onto the highway, lost control and the vehicle rolled into the ditch.
November 2008	A 27-year old truck driver lost control of his pump truck resulting in a rollover.
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	
March 2008	A 58-year old inspector was travelling on a highway with icy road conditions, crossed the median and collided head-on with an on-coming vehicle.
April 2008	A 50-year old administrative support worker was fatally injured as a result of a multiple vehicle accident o the highway.
April 2008	A 40-year old president and engineer died from injuries sustained in a plane crash.
April 2008	A 36-year old director died from injuries sustained in a plane crash.
April 2008	A 33-year old CFO died from injuries sustained in a plane crash.
September 2008	A 35-year old bridge technician was travelling on a gravel road and lost control of the vehicle.
	Transport, Communication and Utilities
January 2008	A 62-year old truck driver was driving a tractor trailer unit at highway speeds and collided head on with another tractor trailer. Reported fog was a factor.
January 2008	A 63-year old truck driver was travelling on a secondary highway with heavy snow and icy road conditions. The worker lost control of the vehicle, entered the ditch and rolled several times. The worker was not wearing a seatbelt and was fatally injured when ejected from the vehicle.
January 2008	A 71-year old bus driver was driving a bus at highway speeds and rear-ended a flatbed truck. Metal pipe on the flatbed truck went through the windshield of the bus and fatally injured the worker. Blowing snow, reduced visibility and icy road conditions were contributing factors in the accident.
February 2008	A 40-year old highway maintenance operator was parked on the shoulder of a highway while a previous accident scene was being cleaned up. The worker's vehicle was hit from behind by a semi-trailer travelling at highway speed.

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March 2008	A 50-year old truck driver was driving a tractor trailer unit on a primary highway and lost control of the vehicle when braking suddenly for a bus turning on to the highway. The worker's vehicle collided with another vehicle crushing the cab and fatally injuring the worker.
May 2008	A 42-year old truck driver was travelling on a two lane paved logging road, lost control of the vehicle when the tires came in contact with the soft shoulder causing the vehicle to enter the ditch and roll over. The worker was not secured by the seat belt and was partially ejected from the vehicle.
August 2008	A 26-year old truck driver was driving a tractor trailer unit that crossed over the median and entered oncoming lanes of traffic. The vehicle struck the side of an overpass and proceeded over an embankment landing on railway tracks below.
August 2008	A 58-year old truck driver was driving a tractor trailer that collided into the rear of a vehicle that had stopped and was attempting to turn off highway.
September 2008	54-year old tank truck operator was driving a loaded water tanker truck, lost control of the vehicle resulting in a roll over accident.
October 2008	A 55-year old truck driver lost control of gravel truck on the highway, entered the ditch and rolled.
November 2008	A 38-year old company driver was driving a tanker truck on a main highway and collided with another vehicle that failed to stop at a controlled intersection. The collision caused the flammable cargo in the tanker truck to explode, engulfing both vehicles in flames.
November 2008	A 39-year old truck driver was travelling on a main highway, lost control of the winch truck that veered off the road and rolled in the ditch.
	Wholesale and Retail Trade
March 2008	A 41-year old salesman was a passenger in a vehicle that was involved in a single vehicle rollover accident on a primary highway.
July 2008	A 35-year old oilfield mechanic lost control of the vehicle on a curve in the highway, entered the ditch and rolled several times. Worker was not wearing a seat belt and was fatally injured when ejected from the vehicle.
August 2008	A 32-year old truck driver was driving a loaded fuel tanker truck travelling on a primary highway. As a result of a front tire rupture, the worker lost control of the vehicle, entered the ditch and rolled. The fuel ignited and burned the vehicle.
November 2008	A 59-year old part-owner's vehicle was struck by on-coming tractor trailer unit that had jack-knifed and skidded across the highway.
December 2008	A 67-year old driver was travelling on a primary highway, lost control of his vehicle, crossed the meridian and collided with an on-coming vehicle.

Date of Acceptance	Description
Delayed Fatalities	
January 2008	[Construction and Construction Trades] A 36-year old truck driver died from medical complications related to a work related motor vehicle accident in February 2006.
May 2008	A 71-year old owner/operator died from complications related to severe injuries suffered in a work related motor vehicle accident in 2006.
June 2008	A 72-year old worker died as a result of medical complications related to the effects of quadriplegia as a result of a work related MVA in 1963.