

Occupational Health and Safety Code Review Plan

2023-2026

Overview

The Government of Alberta is committed to working with stakeholders to improve health and safety outcomes for workers, while reducing unnecessary administrative burden.

Regularly updating the Occupational Health and Safety Code (OHS Code) allows it to keep pace with changing work practices, evolving technologies, emerging issues and interprovincial trade agreements that support harmonization and labour mobility. This also provides an opportunity to clarify work site party responsibilities and improve health and safety outcomes while enabling innovation, competitiveness and streamlining requirements.

Publishing this plan provides Albertans with an understanding of the annual OHS Code review work. This information helps you anticipate changes and understand how to contribute meaningful input. The plan covers a three-year period and may be adjusted from time to time.

Depending on the complexity of the topic and the required depth of review, listed time frames are for initiating the review only. Sign up for [OHS eNews](#) to stay informed on when and how to participate in OHS Code review.

OHS Code review timetable

Priority review (considered annually)
Issued OHS Allowances, Approvals, Acceptances and Recognitions – More information and listing
Accepted OHS recommendations from public fatality inquiries (if any) – More information
OHS items in current work plan under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement – More information
Correction of errors and modernizing language

2023-24
Part 27 Violence and Harassment
Part 33 Explosives (<i>continuation</i>)
Part 36 Mining (<i>continuation</i>)
Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) review (early work to prioritize OELs ¹)

2024-25
Part 3 Specifications and Certifications (early work ¹)
Part 4 Chemical Hazards, Biological Hazards, and Harmful Substances, including review of OELs (early work ¹)
Part 6 Cranes, Hoists and Lifting Devices
Part 10 Fire and Explosion Hazards
Part 18 Personal Protective Equipment
Part 26 Ventilation Systems (early work ¹)
Part 28 Working Alone (early work ¹)
Part 34 Forestry (early work ¹)

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Part 2 Hazard Assessment, Elimination and Control (early work ¹)
Part 3 Specifications and Certifications
Part 4 Chemical Hazards, Biological Hazards, and Harmful Substances, including review of OELs
Part 7 Emergency Preparedness and Response (early work ¹)
Part 12 General Safety Precautions (early work ¹)
Part 14 Lifting and Handling Loads (early work ¹)
Part 24 Toilets and Washing Facilities (early work ¹)
Part 26 Ventilation Systems
Part 28 Working Alone
Part 30 Demolition (early work ¹)
Part 32 Excavation and Tunneling (early work ¹)
Part 34 Forestry
Part 35 Health Care and Industries with Biological Hazards (early work ¹)

¹Early work supports future review and may involve initial gathering of input from industry experts, technical working groups and research.

Have your say

Your suggestions for future topics to be included in the OHS Code review plan are always welcome. You may submit your suggestions along with your supporting rationale by email to lbr.ohsreview@gov.ab.ca.

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