

Year to date, numbers as of September 30, 2018

Workplace Incident Fatalities

Workplace Incident fatalities are cases where a worker dies at a work site, or as a result of injuries sustained at a work site. This is the type of fatality that Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) typically investigate.

The numbers reflected in this report detail the workplace incidents accepted by the Workers' Compensation Board – Alberta and not incidents investigated by OHS.

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	2018 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)	2017 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)
Agriculture and Forestry	2	2
Business, Personal and Professional Services	1	2
Construction and Construction Trades	7	8
Manufacturing and Processing	5	2
Mining and Petroleum Development	2	1
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	2	1
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	2	5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	2	1
TOTAL	23	22
Delayed Fatalities ¹	9	8

Date of Acceptance	Description
Agriculture and Forestry	
February 2018	A worker suffered hyperthermia after collecting bee hives.
February 2018	A worker suffered fatal injuries after falling out of a moving vehicle.
Business, Personal and Professional Services	
June 2018	A worker choked on food while working.
Construction and Construction Trades	
February 2018	A worker fell from a roof.
February 2018	A worker suffered a trauma event, possibly run over by equipment.
April 2018	A worker suffered a fatal cardiac arrest.

¹ Delayed or latent workplace incident fatalities include workers involved in a workplace incident or exposure that did not become a fatality until a much later date, often years later. From 2002, 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 work site hazards or exposures.

Date of Acceptance	Description
May 2018	A worker suffered a fatal cardiac arrest.
May 2018	A worker suffered a fatal cardiac arrest.
August 2018	A worker suffered a fatal cardiac arrest due to hot weather.
September 2018	A worker suffered fatal injuries when an excavator rolled over on the worker.
Manufacturing and Processing	
February 2018	A worker, while inside a mixer, suffered fatal injuries after it was turned on.
April 2018	A worker was in a scissor lift changing light bulbs when the lift fell over.
April 2018	A worker tripped on a pallet and landed on left buttock and died from medical complications.
July 2018	A worker was tipped over by a skid steer
September 2018	A worker slipped, fell upside down and was asphyxiated
Mining and Petroleum Development	
May 2018	A worker died as a result of an H2S exposure.
May 2018	A worker was crushed between equipment.
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	
March 2018	A worker committed suicide related to the work environment.
March 2018	A worker was fatally injured when a garage door fell on him.
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	
February 2018	A worker suffered fatal injuries from being run over by a truck.
March 2018	A worker was fatally rolled over by a truck.

Date of Acceptance	Description
Wholesale and Retail Trade	
March 2018	A worker stepped out of van and slipped on ice and later died of medical complications.
June 2018	A worker died when a car fell on him.
Delayed	
January 2018	A 75 year old retired oil field worker died from renal failure due to medical complications related to a prior injury.
April 2018	A 57 year old oil rig worker died from respiratory failure and medical complications related to a severe workplace injury in 1988 that resulted in paraplegia.
April 2018	A 61 year old truck driver died from liver failure and medical complications related to a prior back injury.
April 2018	A 42 year old labourer died from medical complications related to a fall and fracture injury at work in 2015.
April 2018	A 51 year old oilfield construction worker died from medical complications related to a severe head injury in 1988.
July 2018	A 41 year old heavy duty mechanic died from respiratory failure and medical complications related to a severe workplace injury in 2012 that resulted in paraplegia.
July 2018	A 62 year old swamper died from liver failure and medical complications related to injuries sustained in a 1980 accident.
August 2018	An 84 year old retired firefighter died from medical complications related to a serious work related injury in 1987 that resulted in permanent disabilities.
September 2018	A 73 year old former logger died from medical complications due to a work related permanent spinal injury in 1992.