

Year to date, numbers as of December 31, 2015

## 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 in 2015 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.

<b>Industry Sector</b>	<b>2015 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)</b>	<b>2014 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)</b>
Agriculture and Forestry	0	3
Business, Personal and Professional Services	1	1
Construction and Construction Trades	9	17
Manufacturing and Processing	0	3
Mining and Petroleum Development	2	8
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	2	2
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	4	6
Wholesale and Retail Trade	6	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>47</b>
Delayed Fatalities <sup>1</sup>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>Date of Acceptance</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Business, Personal and Professional Services</b>	
July 2015	A worker was attacked at work and fatally injured.
<b>Construction and Construction Trades</b>	
January 2015	A worker was completing roofing activities and fell from the roof.
May 31, 2015	A worker was pinned under a heavy object.
June 2015	A worker died from injuries related to an upper back injury.
July 2015	A worker was attacked at work and fatally injured.
August 2015	A worker fell from a roof.
September 2015	A worker fell at work and suffered a head injury.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<b>Date of Acceptance</b>	<b>Description</b>
October 2015	A worker was crushed between a track hoe counter weight and a manhole catch basin.
November 2015	A worker was crushed between a truck and an air compressor.
December 2015	A worker died after being exposed to ammonia.
<b>Mining and Petroleum Development</b>	
August 2015	A worker suffered a heart attack while driving.
December 2015	A worker was struck and caught underneath a vehicle.
<b>Public Administration, Education and Health Services</b>	
April 2015	A worker was buried under a load of sand from a dump truck.
June 2015	An officer was shot in the line of duty.
<b>Transportation, Communication and Utilities</b>	
February 2015	A worker was crushed while unloading a seacan that shifted.
April 2015	A construction worker was buried when the wall of a trench collapsed.
October 2015	A worker was crushed by hay bales during the unloading process.
December 2015	A worker became tangled in a piece of equipment.
<b>Wholesale and Retail Trade</b>	
April 2015	A worker slipped and fell in the parking lot and suffered a head injury.
June 2015	A worker was struck by a vehicle after the operator of the vehicle fled the scene.
November 2015	A worker was installing a handrail on a tower and died after becoming tangled in a piece of equipment.
December 2015	A worker fell from a roof.
December 2015	A worker was shot in an armed robbery at a convenience store.
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<b>Delayed</b>	
February 2015	A 61-year-old power line operator died from medical complications from a prior fall.
April 2015	A 60-year-old food and beverage manager died from complications of multiple surgeries and infections from a prior injury.
May 2015	A 45-year-old worker died from medical complications from a prior injury.
June 2015	A 79-year-old labourer died from medical complications of paraplegia caused in an industrial accident 40 years prior.
July 2015	A 42-year-old vacuum truck driver died from medical complications resulting from injuries sustained in a fall in the workplace.
August 2015	A 52-year-old glazier died from medical complications related to a chest injury sustained from a prior workplace incident.
August 2015	A 57-year-old sandblaster died from medical complications related to a fall/crush incident in 2005.
September 2015	A 53-year-old former construction worker died from medical complications related to a head injury from a fall 25 years prior.
December 2015	A 27-year-old social worker died from medical complications related to a work related injury in 2013.
December 2015	A 63-year-old worker died from medical complications related to a head injury 18 years prior.