

Workplace Incident Fatalities Investigated in 2013

Year to date, numbers as of December 28, 2013

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 typically investigates.

Industry Descriptions¹

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.
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.
Manufacturing and Processing	Involves manufacturing beyond the raw product: includes saw mills, pulp mills, food and beverages, metal fabrication, petrochemicals, and oil refineries.
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).
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	Includes public transportation (air, rail, bus), trucking, radio, television, live theatre, electricity, natural gas and garbage collection.
Retail and Wholesale Trade	Includes food and beverage stores, department stores, home improvement centres, and sale and service of automobiles and equipment.
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.
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.



Based on Workers' Compensation Board -Alberta Industry Sector Classification

	Year-to-Date Comparison ²	
Industry Sector	2013	2012
Agriculture and Forestry	0	0
Business, Personal and Professional Services	4	1
Construction and Construction Trades	6	7
Manufacturing and Processing	3	2
Mining and Petroleum Development	5	8
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	0	2
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	0	0
Retail and Wholesale Trade	1	3
Unspecified	0	0
TOTAL	19	23

Date of Incident	Description		
	CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES		
January 15	A worker was found entangled between the lifting mechanism and one of the drive tracks of a side boom.		
February 21	Gasfitters were working in a new home under construction when an explosion occurred. Three workers were transported to hospital. One worker passed away due to injuries.		
April 11	Four workers were attempting to manually erect a wall on a house. The wall became too heavy for the workers and they decided to let the wall fall. Three of the workers were able to step clear of the falling wall. The fourth worker was caught beneath the wall.		
July 1	A mechanic was servicing a piece of heavy equipment when the equipment moved and pinned the mechanic against a nearby truck.		
July 15	A transport truck collided with a vehicle and hit a parked pickup truck. Two highway maintenance workers were hit by one or both of the vehicles. One worker was fatally injured.		
July 16	A worker was preparing to weld a pipe inside of a trench. Another pipe located beside the trench fell into the trench crushing the worker.		
BUSINESS, PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
April 24	While repairing a door opener in the garage, the worker fell eight feet off of a ladder. The worker was transferred to the hospital where he later died of his injuries.		

² Based on calendar year to date

Date of Incident	Description
July 22	A worker drowned while attempting to retrieve a boat which had drifted away.
July 30	A worker was using an ATV to check on lease sites when a rollover occurred.
September 28	A worker was attempting to defuse a patron confrontation outside of a public establishment. During the process the worker was attacked and hit in the head and subsequently passed away.
	MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING
February 16	Worker was operating a loader and was crushed between the loader and a forklift.
October 17	A worker was struck by a piece of pipe and sustained serious injuries. The worker was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased.
November 20	Workers were adjusting pipe on a flat deck trailer when a pipe rolled off the deck, striking the worker and causing fatal injuries.
	MINING AND PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT
June 1	An oilfield operator was checking well sites using an ATV. The oilfield operator was fatally injured in an incident.
June 27	A worker was working 20 meters up in a drilling rig derrick handling a 22 meter drill collar pipe when the worker fell.
August 9	Service rig was pulling a rod out of the hole when the blocks (hoisting assembly) came down, fatally injuring the worker.
October 1	Workers were pulling out casing pipe and had just broken off one joint. The joint detached from the elevators and fell down onto the rig striking a worker in the process. The worker was fatally injured.
October 25	A water truck operator stopped to close a gate and left the truck running on a sloped surface. The truck rolled backwards and the operator was run over.
	RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE
December 28	A worker was called out to repair a tire on a piece of heavy equipment. During the repair process, the tire flew off the rim and a ring from the assembly struck the worker causing fatal injuries.