

Workplace Incident Fatalities Investigated in 2009

Year to date, numbers as of December 31, 2009

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 Workplace Health and Safety typically investigates.

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.
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.



Industry Sector	Year-to-date 2009	Year-to-date 2008 ¹
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Agriculture and Forestry		
Business, Personal and Professional Services	0	0
Construction and Construction Trades	11	11
Manufacturing and Processing	3	2
Mining and Petroleum Development	8	7
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	2	1
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	2	3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1	3
Unspecified	2	1
TOTAL	29	29

Date of Incident	Description
	CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES
June 13	A 39-year old male worker, employed as a pipelayer, stopped a loader to speak to the operator at the location when another loader was moving excavated materials. The second loader backed into the stopped loader. The worker was crushed between the two loaders.
June 15	A 49-year old male worker, employed as a scaffold worker, was on the fifth level on the upgrader under construction, installing scaffold. Worker informed his co-worker that he was not feeling well and sat down on a plywood platform, at that point he collapsed.
June 22	Workers had finished the last cut on an opening for a doorway through a concrete precast wall. A 23-year old male worker, employed as a concrete cutter, was at the rear of the truck when the slab of concrete came loose and pinned him against the rear of the truck.
June 24	A 60-year old male worker, employed as a foreman, had gone to the washroom. When he did not return, co-workers went to investigate and found the foreman collapsed on the floor. Death was due to a medical condition.
July 24	An 18-year old male worker, employed as a contracted landscaper, was walking behind a landscaper's truck picking up traffic pylons. The landscape worker was struck by a northbound vehicle and crushed behind the back of the landscaper's truck.
July 27	A 37-year old male worker was on top of a 5 meter construction wall without any fall protection in place. The worker lost his balance and fell on a re-bar impaling himself.
August 6	A 61-year old worker was found crushed by his forklift. Worker was loading cement blocks onto a flatbed trailer. The worker was in front of the forklift which was running, but parked o a slight incline with the emergency brake not engaged. The forklift rolled forward.

¹ Based on calendar year to date

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August 28	A 46-year old male worker was repairing a tire from a heavy hauler. The worker was in the process of inflating the tire, when the steel components came detached from the tire, struck the worker, pinning him against the service truck.
August 29	A 75-year old male worker, employed as a roofer, fell 4.5 meters landing on his head.
October 17	A 22-year old male worker, employed as a swamper, was fatally injured when his head was caught and crushed in the closing rear door of a vacuum tank. At the time of the incident, a vacuum tank operator was operating the controls for the vacuum tank after cleaning out the tank.
November 9	A 26-year old male worker, along with co-workers were insulating piping and conduit alongside the pumpjack base when the pumpjack counterweight struck the worker in the head.
	MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING AND PACKAGING
January 19	A 30-year old male worker, employed as a millwright apprentice, was crushed when a scissor-lift loaded with plywood veneer descended on him as he was attempting to service the scissor-lift.
March 8	A 55-year old male worker, employed as a plant superintendent, entered the main door of a paint shop under construction and tripped on some electrical cable.
April 28	A 35-year old male metal fabrication worker was grinding on a piece of equipment using an unguarded angle grinder. The grinding wheel blew up striking the worker in the head.
	MINING AND PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT
January 29	A 32-year old male worker, employed as a well testing supervisor, and his assistant were electrocuted when they were raising a flare stack which contacted a 14,000-volt power line.
January 29	A 27-year old male worker, employed as a well testing assistant, and his supervisor were electrocuted when they were raising a flare stack which contacted a 14,000-volt power line.
March 27	A 26-year old male worker, employed as a floor-hand, was fatally injured. A drilling rig was in the process of lowering drill pipe into a hole when it became hung up. A derrick hand immediately stopped lowering the drill pipe but not before the drill line became slack. The floor-hand went over to the slack drill line, the drill pipe dropped pulling all the slack out of the drill line. The drill line struck the worker.
May 8	A 27-year old male worker was moving forms on a roof deck using a lower crane. The rigger set up the lift of forms using a basket sling rigging. While moving the forms to a new location, one sling slipped towards the centre of the load causing the forms to fall out of the rigging. The worker was standing under the load at the time.
May 14	A 36-year old male worker was hit and crushed by a rotating counterweight of an operating oil well pump jack.
July 11	A 48-year old male worker, employed as a cementing supervisor on an oil well drilling location was found unresponsive just after he had examined the open mixing drum of a cement pumper machine.

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October 14	A 37-year old male pipeline worker was finished inspecting a pipeline and was attempting to climb a hill on his ATV when his ATV slid backwards throwing the worker off and causing him to strike his head on a rock.	
November 23	A 40-year old male haul truck operator lost control of heavy haul truck. The heavy haul truck was passing a grader on the ramp downhill of a a Liebherr T-282 when the Liebherr hit the heavy haul truck from behind. The heavy haul truck was pushed over the berm on the left side of the haul road and crashed	
	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	
September 15	A 29-year old male worker, employed as a Research Technician collapsed while doing fieldwork. Suspected medical causes.,	
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TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITITES		
January 14	A 46-year old male worker employed as a driver, was strapping supplies to the back of his truck. A transport driver came into the yard and went between the worker's truck and a barrier and crushed the worker with the trailer.	
December 17	A 36-year old male worker employed as a gravel truck driver lost control of a loaded gravel hauler and quad wagon trailer and went over an embankment at the south entrance to a one-lane bridge crossing a creek. The truck overturned and the cab went through the ice and became submerged.	
December 18	A 62-year old male worker employed as a residential mover was pinned between two vehicles.	
	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	
May 21	A 26-year old male worker employed as an operator was attempting to repair a hydraulic leak on a boom. Worker was positioned between two sections of the boom, when a hydraulic failure occurred resulting in a section of the boom collapsing and pinning the worker between the boom sections.	
UNSPECIFIED		
April 15	A 34-year old female worker, employed as a landscaper, was close to two workers but not assisting with the work at the time of the incident. The two worker were in the process of falling a tree when the tree cracked and one of the workers shouted a warning. The two workers moved sideways away from the panned fall line. One worker noticed that the female worker was still in the fall line and shouted at her. Her back was towards him and she did not respond to his shout. The tree fell as planned and struck the female worker on the head.	
October 4	A 54-year old female landscaping worker was close to two workers but not assisting with the work at the time of the incident. The tree cracked and a co-worker shouted to warn the worker that it was coming down. The worker did not respond to the co-worker's shout and the tree fell and stuck the worker on the head.	