

Workplace Incident Fatalities Investigated in 2015

Year to date, numbers as of December 22, 2015

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.



Year-to-Date Comparison ² 2015 2014

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Industry Sector	2015	2014	
Agriculture and Forestry	0	1	
Business, Personal and Professional Services	0	0	
Construction and Construction Trades	8	16	
Manufacturing and Processing	2	2	
Mining and Petroleum Development	1	6	
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	1	0	
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	0	2	
Retail and Wholesale Trade	3	2	
Unspecified	0	0	
TOTAL	15	29	

Date of Incident	Description	
CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES		
January 9	A worker was completing roofing activities and fell from the roof.	
April 22	A driver was unloading sand and gravel from a dump truck. The gate did not open. The driver approached the rear of the truck. The gate opened and the material poured forth, burying the driver.	
April 28	A worker entered a 2-3 meter deep newly excavated water main trench. The trench collapsed and the worker was trapped.	
June 11	A business owner was working alone and sustained a head injury. The business owner was taken to the hospital and passed away the next day.	
October 23	A worker was cutting a concrete manhole cylinder when an adjacent excavator turned, striking the worker and pinning the worker against the concrete cylinder.	
November 3	A partsman was pulling a trailer from the storage shop, slipped and was struck by the trailer.	
December 7	A worker was exposed to ammonia and subsequently passed away.	
December 22	A worker was unloading emulsion fluid from a tanker truck into a slop tank and became entangled in the power take off and dragged in.	
MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING		
August 5	A worker was performing welding activities and fell approximately nine meters from a roof.	

² Based on calendar year to date

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November 23	A worker was installing a hand rail on a tower and became entangled in a rake shaft.	
MINING AND PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT		
December 9	A bus driver dropped off workers at an intersection on the worksite. As the bus moved forward to complete a left turn at the intersection, a worker crossing the road was struck and caught underneath the vehicle.	
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES		
June 8	Two Police Officers were attempting to execute an arrest warrant when they were shot at multiple times. One officer was shot and suffered fatal injuries.	
RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE		
October 23	A business owner was working in the gas bar/convenience store when a misunderstanding with a customer over payment for gas and food items occurred. There was a physical altercation in which the business owner was struck by the customer and fell to the ground, striking his head on the sidewalk. The business owner sustained a traumatic head injury.	
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