

Year to date, numbers as of December 31, 2014

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

Workplace Incident Fatalities Investigated
December 2014

Industry Sector	Year-to-Date Comparison ²	
	2014	2013
Agriculture and Forestry	1	0
Business, Personal and Professional Services	0	4
Construction and Construction Trades	16	6
Manufacturing and Processing	2	3
Mining and Petroleum Development	6	5
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	0	0
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	2	0
Retail and Wholesale Trade	2	1
Unspecified	0	0
TOTAL	29	19

Date of Incident	Description
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY	
December 15	A worker was struck by a log when debris fell away from a grappling device.
CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES	
January 20	A worker was positioned near a skid steer loader that was backing up and drove over the worker.
March 7	A worker was falling trees alone and was found dead after an apparent fall.
March 14	A track hoe operator was driving at the bottom of a borrow pit when the track hoe broke through the ice and sank.
June 6	A mechanic was working on a bus. The bus was not secure and rolled over the worker causing fatal injuries.
July 4	A worker was changing the brakes on a company truck. The truck tipped and fatally injured the worker.
July 19	A worker became entangled in a conveyor.
July 28	While performing maintenance on a gravel crusher a worker was pulled into the conveyor.
September 8	Worker was walking alongside a loaded forklift when the load became unstable and landed on the worker.
September 16	A worker was standing on the back of a truck when the worker fell and suffered a head injury.
September 24	A worker was found underneath an air unit during an install.
November 11	A worker was servicing an HVAC unit on the roof of a commercial building. The worker was found on the ground next to a fixed ladder.

² Based on calendar year to date

Date of Incident	Description
November 19	A worker was hit in the head while in the process of releasing a strap used to tighten air pressure rams.
November 20	Workers were dismantling a brick building when a wall collapsed burying one worker from the shoulders down.
November 21	A worker fell off a ladder.
November 25	While dismantling a temporary bridge a worker was crushed between concrete blocks and a tractor.
December 4	A worker was shoveling snow off a flat roof and fell.
MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING	
February 3	A worker was struck by a loader and was fatally injured.
September 29	Steam and water were released from a blocked pipe causing severe burns to a worker.
MINING AND PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT	
January 3	A worker was standing on a flat deck, guiding a winch line. The load slipped, causing the winch line to move and strike the worker.
January 19	A worker went out to check a leak on a pipeline, but didn't return. The worker was found unresponsive in a pool of sand and water.
April 20	An electrician was found unresponsive near an electrical panel corridor.
May 7	A worker was attacked by a bear.
June 2	A Worker was working on a bulldozer and a piece fell onto the worker resulting in the worker's death.
October 14	A worker was struck in the face by a metal plate that had fallen.
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	
April 2	A worker was unloading a flatbed truck, and when cleared, the trailer flipped over and pinned the worker against the truck.
October 15	A tow truck operator was fatally injured when struck from behind by another vehicle while hooking up a broken down vehicle.

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RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE	
July 11	Worker was working under a 5 tonne truck when it rolled and fell on him.
December 2	A worker was tending to a leaking hydraulic line on a bobcat while the bucket was suspended. The bucket came down, pinning the worker between the bucket and the chassis of the bobcat.