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New OHS Act is now in effect!

Albertans will see an improved OHS system that better protects workers and ensures they have the same rights as other Canadians. An overview of the changes can be viewed [here](#). In order to support the legislative changes, the new technical requirements under the Code are now available. The *OHS Act* and Code are available at the [Alberta Queen's Printer](#).

New OHS information for workers and employers

What are some of the highlights of the new OHS legislation? The following new bulletins will help guide you through the new legislative requirements.

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OHS Resource Portal

The new enhanced search portal contains OHS bulletins, fact sheets, manuals and other health and safety documents for workers, employers and prime contractors. Certain resources are available in print and may be ordered through the portal [here](#).

Health and Safety Committee Training



Alberta Labour in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety developed a [free introductory](#)

[course](#) for Alberta residents to help committee co-chairs and representatives learn about their roles and responsibilities. This course will help employers meet their requirements to ensure committee members and representatives have adequate training. Participants will receive a two hour credit and a certificate will be issued upon successful completion. Learn more about the requirements [here](#).

New OHS Webinars

A new webinar providing an overview of the requirements for health and safety committees and representatives is now available. To help your understanding of the changes, please [register](#) to reserve your spot. Space is available on a first-come first serve basis. A recorded, on-demand version of each webinar is also available.

- [Do you need a joint work site health and safety committee or representative on multiple work sites?](#)
- [Health & safety representatives](#)
- [Joint work site health & safety committees](#)
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2017-18 OHS Grant Recipients

Alberta Labour provided \$2,444,937 in grant funding to 57 projects. [OHS Futures Grants](#) provided research funding to 13 projects to enhance OHS knowledge and capacity. Supporting 44 projects, [OHS Innovation and Engagement Grants](#) (I&E) aim to increase OHS awareness, knowledge, and action across various industry sectors. To sign up for the I&E email list, contact us at OHS-IE-Grants@gov.ab.ca.

New language supports

The OHS changes [website](#) page can now be viewed in three additional languages; Punjabi, Simplified and Traditional Chinese.

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Incidents Recently Reported to the OHS Contact Centre

These are summaries of selected work-related incidents recently reported to Alberta OHS. The summaries are based on information obtained as soon as possible after the incident. They are preliminary and subject to change. Because they are being investigated by the employers involved, no additional information will be available.

Worker crushed A worker was offloading wood wall panels from a trailer when they fell on him. The worker was transported to hospital and remained for more than 2 days. *Construction and Construction Trades*

Worker burned A worker was crawling under a pipe to apply insulation cladding when his coveralls caught on and opened a valve for the return water. The worker was splashed with hot water resulting in first and second-degree burns to his torso. Worker was released from the hospital the same day. *Mining and Petroleum Development*

Worker's arm caught A worker placed an arm on the conveyor belt of a fertilizer spreader unit at the same instant that a second worker activated the remote switch of the conveyor. The worker was transported to hospital and remained for more than 2 days. *Farming and Ranching*

Contact OHS

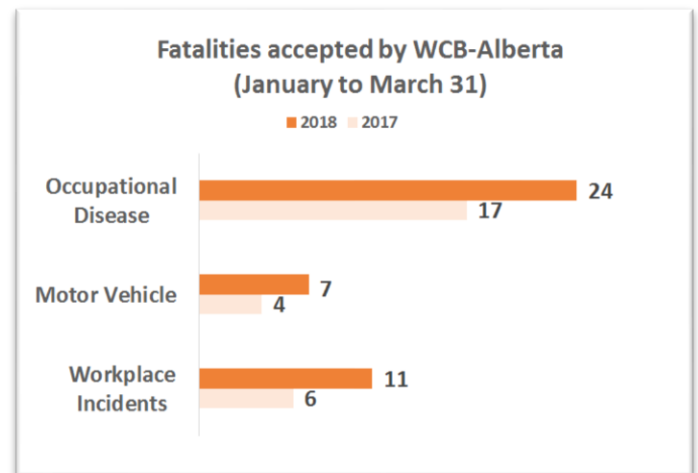
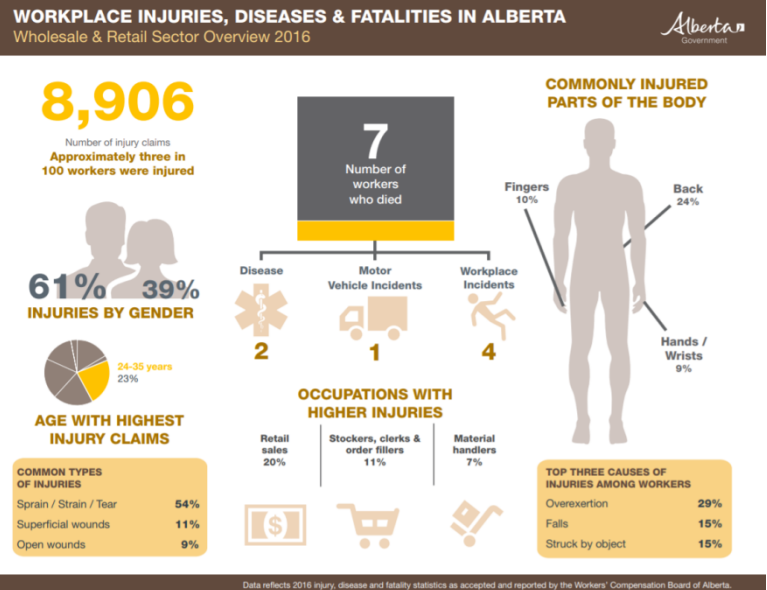
1-866-415-8690 (toll-free) 780-415-8690 (Edmonton)

TTY: 780-427-9999 (Edmonton) TTY: 1-800-232-7215

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