

Vehicles as work sites

OHS information for employers and workers

This bulletin outlines when occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements apply to vehicles, and how to apply those requirements.

Driving to or from work is not under the jurisdiction of Alberta OHS. However, if a worker is dispatched by their employer, Alberta OHS considers that driving to be driving for work.

A vehicle used for work purposes while away from the work site (such as when being driven to deliver a parcel or being driven to another office) is itself considered a work site. For this reason, the hazard assessment requirements apply to such vehicles, whether they are personal or work vehicles.

“work site” means a location where a worker is, or is likely to be, engaged in any occupation and includes any vehicle or mobile equipment used by a worker in an occupation.



-OHS Act, s. 1(uu)

An employer must assess a work site and identify existing and potential hazards before work begins at the work site or prior to the construction of a new work site.



OHS Code, Part 2, s. 7(1)

Employers must conduct a hazard assessment to determine appropriate controls. The hazard assessment must comply with the requirements in OHS law, including Part 2 of the OHS Code.

When a vehicle is used on a work site (e.g. to haul material), it is considered equipment being used on that work site.

For more information

Driving for work: Developing safe practices for employers and workers (BP014)

ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/bp014

Hazard Assessment and Control: a handbook for Alberta employers and workers (BP018)

ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/bp018

Contact us

OHS Contact Centre

Anywhere in Alberta

- 1-866-415-8690

Edmonton and surrounding area

- 780-415-8690

Deaf or hard of hearing (TTY)

- 1-800-232-7215 (Alberta)
- 780-427-9999 (Edmonton)

Notify OHS of health and safety concerns

alberta.ca/file-complaint-online.aspx

Call the OHS Contact Centre if you have concerns that involve immediate danger to a person on a work site.

Report a workplace incident to OHS

alberta.ca/ohs-complaints-incidents.aspx

Website

alberta.ca/ohs

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