

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Veneer, Plywood, and Wood Preservation Sector in 2021



3,164

Full-time employees

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Injury Disease*
Work-related fatalities

159
Total injuries

38
Lost-time injuries

5.02
Injury rate per 100 workers

+21.5%
Change in injury rate from previous year

Events resulting in lost-time injury or illness

Injury or illness severe enough to require one or more days lost from work



39%

Bodily reaction and exertion
(overexertion, repetitive motion, bodily reaction)



24%

Contacts with objects and equipment
(struck by or against object)



21%

Exposure
(exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances; contact with temperature extremes)



16%

All other
(fall on same or to lower level; nonhighway accident)

Most common lost-time injuries

15 **Bodily reaction and exertion**, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from overexertion in pulling, pushing, lifting, and turning objects; repetitive use of tools; bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; stepping in hole or on object without fall.

9 **Contact with objects and equipment**, includes struck by or against falling, slipping, stationary, discharged, swinging or slipping object; struck by or slammed in swinging door or gate.

8 **Exposure**, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from exposure to exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances; contact with hot objects or substances.

5 **Falls**, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from fall to floor, walkway, or other surface; fall to lower level, down stairs, or steps.

Top 3 Occupational Diseases

Based on approved WSIB claims for healthcare, being off work, loss of wages, or permanent disability.

10 **Diseases of the respiratory system**, includes viral infection, other

5 **Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs**: noise-induced hearing loss

2 **Injury and poisoning**, includes toxic effect of other gases, fumes, vapour; open wound of internal structure of mouth.

*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2021 Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2021. RG 036 NAICS: 321114, 321211, 321216, 321217 Dec 2022 WSN



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Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

JHSC Part 1, 2, and Refresher training in person or virtual, French or English

JHSC Certification: Part 1

The instructor-led course includes such topics as occupational health and safety law, rights, duties and responsibilities of the workplace parties, along with duties and responsibilities of JHSC members. Part 1 is also available in a [self-paced e-learning format in English](#).

JHSC Certification: Part 2

Focusing on the concepts of recognition, assessment, and control of hazards, and evaluation of the hazard controls, participants learn how to apply these concepts to a minimum of six hazards relevant to their own workplaces. In addition, learners practise drafting action plans and recommendations for the employer.

Key hazards in the workplace include:

- Unsafe operation of equipment
- Inadequate maintenance of machine guarding
- Failure to follow lock out procedures
- Poor lifting procedures
- Working in uncomfortable positions
- Work or equipment operation requiring repetitive motion
- Inadequate attention to workplace hazards while walking
- Failure to follow procedures while handling hazardous substances

JHSC Certification Refresher

Training includes a review of key concepts in Part 1 and 2 of JHSC certification along with updates to legislation, standards, and best practices.

The one-day refresher training program is legally required every three years and provides the most up-to-date information that JHSC professionals can use to keep their workplace health and safety practices current and effective.

Also Available

Competent Supervisor Training

(Disponibile en français)

Equivalent to Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (Ministry) mandatory awareness program for supervisors, this program makes supervisors aware of their legal duties and responsibilities, and provides a sound foundation of health and safety knowledge to deal with the variety of issues they will face in their work. Supervisors are responsible for helping set and maintain an organization's safety culture.

Mental Health Training for your workplace

The WSN Workplace Mental Health Training Series connects you with a team of Psychological Health and Safety Advisors, certified by the Canadian Mental Health Association, who are experts in workplace mental health training and occupational health and safety.

About Workplace Safety North

Your local health and safety partner

An independent not-for-profit, Workplace Safety North (WSN) is one of four sector-based health and safety associations in Ontario.

WSN provides province-wide government-approved workplace health and safety services for forest products and mining sectors.

With health and safety specialists located across the province, WSN and its legacy organizations have been helping make Ontario workplaces safer for more than 100 years.

WSN is a leading provider of health and safety services, and businesses and communities call upon WSN for expert advice and training. For more information, visit workplacesafetynorth.ca.



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