

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Logging Sector in 2021



3,687

Full-time employees



Events resulting in lost-time injury or illness

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



30%

Contact with objects or equipment

(struck by or against object, caught in or compressed by equipment or objects; rubbed or abraded matter by foreign matter in eye)



30%

Falls

(falls on same or lower level; fall onto or against objects; fall from nonmoving vehicle)



23%

Bodily reaction and exertion

(overexertion in pulling or pushing objects; bodily reaction; overexertion in lifting or throwing objects)



17%

Other

(non-highway transportation incidents; hitting, kicking, beating; exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances)

Most common lost-time injuries

- 9** **Contact with objects or equipment**, includes struck by or against falling, slipping, swinging object; caught in or compressed by equipment or object; rubbed or abraded by foreign matter in eye.
- 9** **Falls**, includes fall to floor, walkway, or other surface; fall onto or against objects; fall to lower level; fall from non-moving vehicle.
- 7** **Bodily reaction and exertion**, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from overexertion in pulling or pushing objects; bodily reaction; overexertion in lifting or throwing objects.

Occupational Disease



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Noise-induced hearing loss WSIB claims for healthcare, being off work, loss of wages, or permanent disability.

*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2021. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2022.NAICS 113311, 113312. Jun 2022 WSN.



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Mechanical Harvesting Equipment Operator- Forestry Pit and Road Construction Equipment Operator Common Core Training

(Disponible en français)

Successful completion of the operator's classroom course for mechanical harvesting and forestry pit and road construction equipment meets the classroom training requirements of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) Mechanical Harvesting Equipment Operator and Forestry Pit and Road Construction Equipment Operator (MHEO-FPRCEO) certification program. This course can also be completed online.

Introduction to Cable Skidding Common Core Training

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The MCU Cutter-Skidder Operator Certification program is a comprehensive training and evaluation system designed to ensure that all workers and chainsaw and cable skidder operators in the conventional logging sector have the skills and knowledge they require to operate a cable skidder safely and efficiently in a logging operation, as defined by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD). The course was developed by WSN and sanctioned by the MCU as the approved pre-employment training program for the skidder operators in conventional logging operations.

Introduction to Professional Chainsaw Operation Common Core Training

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The course was developed and is under the auspices of Workplace Safety North and sanctioned by the MCU as the approved program for pre-employment classroom training for chainsaw operators.

Key hazards in logging workplaces

- Unsafe felling procedures
- Unsafe operation of equipment
- Inadequate maintenance of machine guarding
- Failure to follow lock out procedures
- Poor lifting procedures
- Working in uncomfortable positions
- Equipment operation requiring repetitive motion

Also available

Competent Supervisor Training

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Health and safety awareness training is now law for every worker and supervisor in Ontario. WSN Competent Supervisor training focuses on the health and safety rights and responsibilities of workers, supervisors, and employers; and gives supervisors the tools to integrate health and safety into their everyday role. Supervisors are responsible for helping set and maintain a strong safety culture.

Health and Safety Representative (HSR) Basic Training

This free small business e-learning training program provides guidance on the powers, functions and duties of the workplace health and safety representative. Reimbursement of \$150 for successful completion is also available for businesses that qualify. Employers with 6 to 19 workers are required to ensure workplaces have a worker Health and Safety Representative, as stated in the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

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, and the only one headquartered in the north.

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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