

# Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Forestry, Paper, Printing, and Converting Sector in 2020



**57,486**

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



**38%**

### Contact with objects or equipment

(struck by or against objects, caught in or compressed by equipment, or objects; rubbed or abraded by friction or pressure)



**37%**

### Bodily reaction and exertion

(overexertion; bodily reaction; repetitive motion; bodily reactions and exertion; bodily conditions)



**17%**

### Falls

(falls on same level, falls or jumps to lower levels)



**8%**

### Other

(exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances; contact with temperature extremes, electric current; highway and non-highway incidents, pedestrian struck by vehicle or mobile equipment; explosion, assaults by animals)

## Most common lost-time injuries

**143** **Contact with objects and equipment**, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from being struck by or against objects; caught in or compressed by running equipment or machinery; struck by falling, slipping, moving, flying, dislodged, rolling, sliding, discharged, or swinging objects or particles; struck by or slammed in swinging door or gate; rubbed or abraded by foreign matter in eye.

**137** **Bodily reaction and exertion**, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from repetitive motion, bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting, slipping, tripping; overexertion in lifting, pulling, pushing, carrying, or turning objects; repetitive use of tools; slip, trip, twist or loss of balance without fall.

**62** **Falls**, includes falls to floor, walkway or other surface; falls onto or against objects; falls or jumps from non-moving vehicle, ladder, scaffolding, platform, or loading dock.

## Top 3 Occupational Diseases

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

**94** **Noise-induced hearing loss**

**20** **Injury and poisonings**, includes contact with hot objects or substances, skin, eyes; exposure to environmental heat; inhalation in open or nonconfined space; struck against stationary object.

**10** **Diseases of respiratory system**, includes exposure to or inhalation of caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances.

\*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2020. Source: Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2021. NAICS codes 111994, 113311, 113312, 115310, 321111, 321114, 321211, 321216, 321217, 322111, 322121, 322130, 322211, 322212, 322220, 322230, 322291, 322299, 323113, 323114, 323115, 323116, 323119, 323120, 541860 WSN Aug 2021.

\*\*A precise year-over-year comparison from 2019 to 2020 is not available because in 2020 the WSIB began using North American Industry Codes (NAICS) instead of Rate Groups to identify sectors. Year-over-year comparisons will be included again in future years.



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# Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

JHSC Part 1, 2, and Refresher training – focus on workplace-specific hazards

## JHSC Certification: Part 1 (three days)

(Disponible en français)

This mandatory course is available in three formats: self-paced e-learning, instructor-led virtual training, and instructor-led classroom training. Participants learn how to recognize, assess and control workplace hazards, the rights and duties of certified members, and how to conduct effective workplace inspections and incident investigations.

## JHSC Certification: Part 2 (two days)

This mandatory course is available in two formats: instructor-led virtual or classroom training. 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

- 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 (one day)

This mandatory course is available in two formats: instructor-led virtual or classroom training. 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.

## New free training

### 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.

## Also available

### Competent Supervisor Training

(Disponible en français)

Equivalent to Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development 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.

### About Workplace Safety North

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

Headquartered in northern Ontario, WSN provides province-wide Ministry-approved workplace health and safety training and services for the mining and forest products industries.

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.

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