

Top 10 health and safety risks in corrugating sector

Inadequate lockout-tagout is top health and safety risk

As identified by workers, supervisors, and employers in the Ontario forest products industry through Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development-facilitated risk assessment workshop in partnership with Workplace Safety North.



1. Inadequate lockout-tagout resulting in injury



6. Improper storage of paper roll and inventory (wood pallets, finished goods)



2. Pedestrian struck by mobile equipment



7. Caught in or struck by stationary equipment (leading to falls and crush)



3. Ergonomics - injuries to workers



8. Contractor program training and inadequate compliance



4. Inadequate guarding (older equipment with outdated guarding)



9. Incomplete lockout and tagout due to design constraints (equipment and process issues)



5. Improper pedestrian and mobile equipment interaction



10. Occupational illness (repetitive strain injury)

The internal responsibility system (IRS) is a system where everyone shares responsibility for occupational health and safety that is appropriate to their role and function within the workplace.

All workplace parties — including employers, managers, supervisors, and workers — need to do their part to raise awareness of risks, and follow and promote safety procedures to help make workplaces safer.

For more information, please contact your WSN Health and Safety Specialist or visit workplacesafetynorth.ca

Joint Health and Safety Committee Certification training

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

JHSC Certification: Part 1 (three days)

(Disponible en français)

This mandatory course provides participants with an understanding of 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)

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 corrugating 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 (one day)

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

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Equivalent to Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) 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.

Health and Safety Representative Basic Training

Employers with 6 to 19 workers are required to ensure workplaces have a worker Health and Safety Representative (HSR), as stated in the Occupational Health and Safety Act. To help small businesses comply with the law and strengthen their internal health and safety culture, the MLTSD and Ontario health and safety associations (including Workplace Safety North) have developed an e-learning program that provides HSRs with the knowledge and skills they need to perform their legislated duties effectively.

About Workplace Safety North

Your local health and safety partner

An independent not-for-profit, Workplace Safety North (WSN) is one of four 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, as well as for businesses and communities across northern Ontario.

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.