

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Pulp, Newsprint, and Specialty Papers Sector in 2024



8,362

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



Contact with objects or equipment

(caught in or caught by equipment or objects; struck against or struck by object)



39%

Bodily reactions and exertions

(overexertion; bodily reactions and exertion; repetitive motion)



11%

Falls

(falls on same level; falls to lower level)



9%

All other

(exposure to traumatic or stressful event; exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances; temperature extremes; vehicular incident)

Most common lost-time injuries

24

Contact with objects and equipment, includes caught in running machinery; struck by stationary or falling objects; caught in or compressed by equipment or object; struck by swinging or slipping object.

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Bodily reactions and exertions, includes overexertion in pulling or pushing objects; slipping on something without fall; bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; repetitive movements.

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Falls, includes falls to floor, walkways, or other surfaces; falls onto or against objects; falls from loading dock.

Top 3 Occupational Diseases

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

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Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs, includes noise effects on inner ear.

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Injury and poisoning, includes burns on multiple specific sites; toxic effects of gases, fumes, vapours.

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Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions, includes difficulty breathing (dyspnoea) and respiratory abnormalities.

*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2024. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2025. NAICS 322111, 322121, 322130, 322220, 322122. Jun 2025 WSN