

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Sawmill Sector in 2024



5,249

Employees in 2024



Events resulting in lost-time injury or illness

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



40%

Contact with objects or equipment

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



36%

Bodily reaction and exertion

(excessive physical effort; free bodily motion that results in stress or strain on the body; assuming an unnatural position; and repetitive motion)



16%

Falls

(falls on same level; jumps to lower level; falls to lower level)



8%

All other

(exposure to traumatic or stressful events; exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances; fires – unintended or uncontrolled; struck by vehicles or mobile equipment)

Most common lost-time injuries

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Contact with objects or equipment, includes struck by or against stationary or moving object, struck by falling or dislodged flying object or particle, struck by slipping handheld object, struck by or slamming in swinging door or gate, caught in or compressed by running equipment or machinery, and rubbed or abraded by foreign matter in eye.

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Falls, includes falls to floor, walkway, or other surface, falls onto or against objects, falls down stairs or steps, falls from ladder, scaffold or staging, falls to lower level.

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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.

Occupational Disease



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

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