

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Veneer, Plywood, and Wood Preservation Sector in 2024



3,432

Full-time employees

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Injury Disease*
Work-related fatalities

160
Total injuries

36
Lost-time injuries

4.66
Injury rate per 100 workers

+23.0%
Change in injury rate from previous year

Events resulting in lost-time injury or illness

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



44%

Bodily reaction and exertion
(overexertion, repetitive motion, bodily reaction)



28%

Contacts with objects and equipment
(caught in, compressed by, or struck by or against object)



17%

Falls
(falls on same level)



11%

All other
(contact with hot objects; contact between agent and bodily tissue; assaults by animals)

Most common lost-time injuries

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Bodily reaction and exertion, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from overexertion in pulling, pushing, lifting, and turning objects; repetitive use of tools; bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; stepping in hole or on object without fall.

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Contact with objects and equipment, includes struck by or against falling, slipping, stationary, discharged, swinging or slipping object.

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Falls, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from fall to floor, walkway, or other surface.

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Exposures, includes contact with hot objects or substances; inhalation in open or nonconfined space; contact with skin, eye(s), or other exposed tissue; non-venomous bites.

Top 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-induced hearing loss.

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Injury and poisoning, includes toxic effect of other gases, fumes vapour; toxic effects of venom, including bee stings; sprains and strains of wrist.

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