

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Forestry, Paper, Printing, and Converting Sector in 2024



65,408

Full-time employees

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Injury Disease*
Work-related fatalities

2,379
Total injuries

723
Lost-time injuries

3.64
Total injury rate per 100 workers

+7.0%
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



40%

Contact with objects or equipment

(caught in or compressed by equipment or objects; struck against or by object; abrasions by friction or pressure)



38%

Bodily reaction and exertion

(overexertion; bodily reaction; repetitive motion; bodily reactions and exertion; bodily conditions; repetitive motions; static posture while applying force to an object)



16%

Falls

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



6%

Other

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

Most common lost-time injuries

292

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

272

Bodily reaction and exertion, includes overexertion in pushing or pulling objects; overexertion in lifting; slipping on something without fall; bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; repetitive motions to place or move objects; overexertion in throwing objects.

112

Falls, including falls to floor, walkway, or other surface; falls from ladders; falls to lower level; falls from non-moving vehicles; falls onto or against objects; falls down stairs or steps; jumps to lower level; jumps from structures.

Top 3 Occupational Diseases

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

180

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

26

Injury and poisoning, includes burns of multiple sites; adverse allergic reactions; toxic effects of carbon monoxide.

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Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue, includes contact dermatitis; exposure to chemical products; cellulitis.

* Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2025. Source: Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2025. NAICS 112310, 321215, 321911, 321919, 321920, 321999, 323114, 323115, 113311, 113312, 115310, 321111, 321114, 321211, 321216, 321217, 322111, 322121, 322130, 322211, 322212, 322220, 322230, 322291, 322299, 323113, 323116, 323119, 323120, 322122. WSN Jun 2025.