

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Logging Sector in 2017



2,841

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



31%

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)



24%

Contact with objects or equipment
(struck against object, struck by object; caught in or compressed by equipment or objects)



24%

Transportation incidents
(highway and non-highway incidents)



20%

All other
(falls on same or lower level and assaults, violent acts and harassment by person)

Most common lost-time injuries

17 **Bodily reaction and exertion**, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from repetitive motion, bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting, overexertion in lifting, pulling, pushing, carrying or turning objects.

13 **Transportation**, includes non-collision incident, jack-knifed or overturned, ran off highway, and falls from moving vehicle.

13 **Contact with objects or equipment**, includes struck against stationary object, struck by dislodged flying object or particle, struck by object, caught in or compressed by equipment or object, and struck by or slammed in swinging door or gate.

Occupational Disease



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

*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2017. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2018. RG 030 May 2018 WSN

Mechanical Harvesting Equipment Operator- Forestry Pit and Road Construction Equipment Operator Common Core Training

(Disponibile en français)

Successful completion of the operator's classroom course for mechanical harvesting and forestry pit and road construction equipment meets the classroom training requirements of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) Mechanical Harvesting Equipment Operator and Forestry Pit and Road Construction Equipment Operator (MHEO-FPRCEO) certification program. This course can also be completed online.

Introduction to Cable Skidding Common Core Training

(Disponibile en français)

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) program Cutter-Skidder Operator Certification is a comprehensive training and evaluation system designed to ensure that all workers, chainsaw and cable skidder operators, in the conventional logging sector of the forest products industry have the skills and knowledge they require to operate a cable skidder safely and efficiently in a logging operation as defined by the Ministry of Labour. The course was developed by WSN and sanctioned by the MAESD as the approved pre-employment training program for the skidder operators in conventional logging operations.

Introduction to Professional Chainsaw Operation Common Core Training

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The course was developed and is under the auspices of Workplace Safety North and sanctioned by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) as the approved program for pre-employment classroom training for chainsaw operators.

Key hazards in logging workplaces

- Unsafe felling procedures
- Unsafe operation of equipment
- Inadequate maintenance of machine guarding
- Failure to follow lock out procedures
- Poor lifting procedures
- Working in uncomfortable positions
- Equipment operation requiring repetitive motion

Competent Supervisor Training

(Disponibile en français)

Health and safety awareness training is now law for every worker and supervisor in Ontario. WSN Competent Supervisor training focuses on the health and safety rights and responsibilities of workers, supervisors, and employers; and gives supervisors the tools to integrate health and safety into their everyday role. Supervisors are responsible for helping set and maintain a strong safety culture.

Membership benefits

A strong safety culture is a sign of a healthy, productive workplace. As a member of WSN, you're entitled to expert advice and information, including access to classroom training programs, on-site consultations, health and safety audits, industrial hygiene testing, ergonomic assessments, specific problem-solving, and more.

- On-site employee health and safety training
- Supervisory and management health and safety training
- Workplace safety and health inspections
- Technical safety and health consultation
- Access to health and safety resources

Your 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 based in the north.

WSN provides province-wide Ministry-approved workplace health and safety services for mining and forest products sectors, as well as 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.

As a leading provider of health and safety services, businesses and communities call upon WSN for expert advice and training. For more information, visit workplacesafetynorth.ca.

Services: Safe Workplace Ontario third-party business health and safety certification program, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board safety group incentive programs, business health and safety program and culture audit, and on-site health and safety consulting.

Training: Ministry-approved courses: Joint Health and Safety Committee Certification, Working at Heights Safety Training, mining and forestry common core mandatory skills training. Related courses include Competent Supervisor, Mental Health First Aid, Positive Psychology, and Mine Rescue.