

Injury and Illness Trends

2013 Injury Statistics for Ontario Printing, Platemaking, and Bindery Sector
Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)

Health and Safety Snapshot



29,964
Full-time employees

635
Total injuries

166
Lost-time injuries

2.12
Injury rate per
100 workers

3.6%
Improvement in injury rate
from 2012 to 2013

Types of Lost-Time Injuries

Injuries severe enough to require one or more days lost from work



51%

Sprains and strains
(Musculoskeletal Disorders
- MSDs)



32%

Contact with Equipment
(struck by object or caught
in equipment)



12%

Falls (majority of falls
occur at same level, e.g.
floor or walkway)



5%

All others (exposure to
substances, transportation
incidents, etc.)

Total Number of Lost-Time Injuries

551

Musculoskeletal Disorders, including repetitive motion, bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting, overexertion in lifting, pulling, pushing, carrying or turning objects.

138

Falls, including falls down stairs or steps, from ladder, scaffold, equipment, non-moving vehicle; jumping to lower level; falls on floors, walkways, and other surfaces; falls onto or against objects.

280

Struck by object or caught in equipment, including being struck by an object, whether falling, flying, swinging, or rolling on floor; slammed in swinging door or gate; caught in compressed or pinched by running equipment or machinery.

122

Noise-induced hearing loss Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) claims.

Source: WSIB 2013

Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

Focused on hazards specific to printing, platemaking, and bindery workplaces

Certification: Part One (three days)

This mandatory course provides participants with an understanding of how to recognize, assess and control workplace hazards, the rights and duties of certified members, and how to conduct effective workplace inspections and incident investigations.

Certification: Part Two (two days)

Focusing on the concepts of recognition, assessment, and control of hazards, and evaluation of the hazard controls, participants learn how to apply these concepts to a minimum of six hazards relevant to their own workplaces. In addition, learners practise drafting action plans and recommendations for the employer.

By the end of the two-day course, participants will:

- Review material covered in Certification Part One
- Understand the hazard-related concept of recognize, assess, control and evaluate (RACE)
- Understand key hazards specific to the paper, printing and converting sector
- Use various tools to help recognize, assess and control hazards, and evaluate hazard controls
- Understand the role of the Joint Health and Safety Committee in relation to the Internal Responsibility System.

Key hazards in printing, platemaking, and bindery workplaces

- Musculoskeletal disorders
- Chemical and physical hazards
- Safe use of machinery
- Lockout
- Slips, trips and falls
- Mobile lifting equipment

Also available

Competent Supervisor (Disponible en français)

Health and safety awareness training is now law for every worker and supervisor in Ontario. Workplace Safety North 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.



Your Member Services

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 worker 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

Every Worker, Home Safe and Healthy

An independent, not-for-profit health and safety organization, WSN and its legacy organizations have been helping make Ontario workplaces safer for 100 years. One of four designated provincial health and safety associations, WSN specializes in forestry, mining, and paper, printing, and converting sectors, and is funded by a portion of the dues members pay to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. A leading provider of health and safety training and consulting, businesses call upon WSN for expert advice and information.