



TOP 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS IN SAWMILLS

As identified by workers, supervisors, and employers in Ontario sawmill industry



1. Substance use: Under the influence of alcohol, prescription or other drugs.



2. Training issues: Workers taking shortcuts.



3. Machine lock out, guarding: Not properly locking out or guarding equipment.



4. Age: Inexperience of new and young workers who don't see the dangers.



5. Psychosocial: Lack of focus, distraction of worker while performing duties.



6. Slips, trips, and falls: Falls on same or lower level, jumps to lower level.



7. Occupational disease: Loss of hearing, ringing in the ears.



8. Psychosocial: Stress, including job and family pressures.



9. Working from heights: Absence of engineered anchor points.



10. Machine lock out, guarding: Caught in or crushed by mobile equipment.

Help raise awareness and make your workplace safer. To learn more about preventing workplace illnesses and injuries, contact your provincial health and safety association Workplace Safety North.