

# WORKPLACE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

“The award means to us that we are on the right path. Participating in the Workplace Excellence Awards is a good way for organizations to benchmark against others. It’s not a question about winning or losing, but where can an organization improve.”

– HR Manager



# RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

## A strong safety culture reflects a healthy, productive workplace

Each year, Workplace Safety North (WSN) – Ontario’s occupational health and safety association for forestry, mining, and paper, printing, and converting sectors – recognizes provincial workplaces with a strong safety culture.

Workplace Excellence (WE) Awards recognize companies that demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the prevention of illness and injury and continuous improvement. In order to qualify for a Workplace Excellence award, companies must complete an assessment of current health and safety programs, note areas for improvement, and develop an action plan to improve their safety performance.

All Workplace Excellence Award winners are automatically considered for the President’s Award, which recognizes the top health and safety performer in each WSN sector. In addition, one Ontario small business with less than 50 employees is selected for recognition. The President’s Award is the highest provincial health and safety honour, and recognizes exceptional commitment to continuous improvement in occupational health and safety.

**For more information, please visit:** [workplacesafetynorth.ca/awards](http://workplacesafetynorth.ca/awards)

“Being recognized with awards like this one demonstrates to our employees and external stakeholders that we have a strong commitment to ongoing improvement in our safety performance.”

– General Manager

### Who can participate?

Firms with predominant business activities in these Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) sector rate groups are encouraged to participate in the Workplace Excellence Awards program.

#### Forestry

030 – Logging

033 – Mill Products and Forestry Services

036 – Veneer, Plywood and Wood Preservation

#### Mining

110 – Gold Mines

113 – Nickel Mines

119 – Other Mines

352 – Steel and Other Smelting and Refining Industries

#### Paper, Printing and Converting

039 – Pulp, Newsprint and Specialty Papers

041 – Corrugated Boxes

333 – Printing, Platemaking and Binding

338 – Folding Cartons

341 – Paper Products

