

Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Logging Sector in 2018



2,744

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



33%

Contact with objects or equipment

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



25%

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)



17%

Falls

(falls on same or lower level, jumps to lower level)



25%

All other

(highway and non-highway incidents, contact with temperature extremes, exposure to radiation, exposure to traumatic or stressful events)

Most common lost-time injuries

16 **Contact with objects or equipment**, includes struck against stationary or moving objects; struck by dislodged flying objects or particle; struck by falling, swinging or slipping objects; and caught in or compressed by equipment or objects.

8 **Falls**, includes falls from non-moving vehicles, falls onto or against objects, falls from ladder, and jumps to lower level.

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.

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 2018. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2019. RG 030 April 2019 WSN.

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

(Disponible 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 Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) 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

(Disponible en français)

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) program Cutter-Skidder Operator Certification is a comprehensive training and evaluation system designed to ensure that all workers and chainsaw and cable skidder operators in the conventional logging sector 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 MTCU 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 Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) 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

Also available

Competent Supervisor Training

(Disponible 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

About Workplace Safety North

Your local 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 headquartered in the north.

WSN provides province-wide government-approved workplace health and safety services for forest products and mining 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.

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



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