Workplace Health and Safety Snapshot for Ontario Pulp, Newsprint, and Specialty Papers Sector in 2021



Injury Disease*

241
Total

52
Lost-time

2.84
Injury rate
per 100 workers

+10.3% Change in injury rate from previous year

Events resulting in lost-time injury or illness

Injury or illness severe enough to require one or more days lost from work





27%
Contact with objects or equipment

(struck by or against objects; caught in or compressed by equipment or objects)



Exposure to harmful substances or environments (exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances; traumatic or stressful event;

contact with temperature extremes)



All other
(fall on same level; fall
or jump to lower level;
pedestrian struck by vehicle,
mobile equipment)

Most common lost-time injuries

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Bodily reaction and exertion, includes injuries and illnesses resulting from overexertion in lifting, pulling, or pushing objects; bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting, slipping, tripping, loss of balance without fall.

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Contact with objects and equipment, includes struck by objects, struck by falling objects, struck against objects; caught in or compressed by equipment or objects; caught in running equipment or machinery; struck by slipping handheld object; struck by rolling, sliding object.

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Exposure to harmful substances or environments, includes contact with hot objects or substances; inhalation in open or nonconfined space; contact with skin, eye(s) or other exposed tissue; emotional reaction.

Top 3 Occupational Diseases

Based on approved WSIB claims for healthcare, being off work, loss of wages, or permanent disability.

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Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs, includes noise effects on inner ear; neurotic disorders - anxiety state

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Injury and poisoning, includes toxic effects of gases, fumes, and vapour, including chlorine gas; burns;



Diseases of the respiratory system, includes viral infection; other.

*Disease fatality claims with a fatality effective date of 2021. Source: WSIB Enterprise Information Warehouse as of March 31, 2022. RG 039 NAICS 322111, 322121, 322130, 322220. Dec 2022 WSN



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Overview of Joint Health and Safety Committee certification training

JHSC Part 1, 2, and Refresher training in person or virtual, French or English

JHSC Certification: Part 1

The instructor-led course includes such topics as occupational health and safety law, rights, duties and responsibilities of the workplace parties, along with duties and responsibilities of JHSC members. Part 1 is also available in a <u>self-paced e-learning</u> format in English.

JHSC Certification: Part 2

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.

Key hazards in the workplace include:

- Unsafe operation of equipment
- Inadequate maintenance of machine guarding
- Failure to follow lock out procedures
- Poor lifting procedures
- Working in uncomfortable positions
- Work or equipment operation requiring repetitive motion
- Inadequate attention to workplace hazards while walking
- Failure to follow procedures while handling hazardous substances

JHSC Certification Refresher

Training includes a review of key concepts in Part 1 and 2 of JHSC certification along with updates to legislation, standards, and best practices.

The one-day refresher training program is legally required every three years and provides the most up-to-date information that JHSC professionals can use to keep their workplace health and safety practices current and effective.

Also Available

Competent Supervisor Training

(Disponible en français)

Equivalent to Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (Ministry) mandatory awareness program for supervisors, this program makes supervisors aware of their legal duties and responsibilities, and provides a sound foundation of health and safety knowledge to deal with the variety of issues they will face in their work. Supervisors are responsible for helping set and maintain an organization's safety culture.

Mental Health Training for your workplace

The WSN Workplace Mental Health Training Series connects you with a team of Psychological Health and Safety Advisors, certified by the Canadian Mental Health Association, who are experts in workplace mental health training and occupational health and safety.

About Workplace Safety North

Your local health and safety partner

An independent not-for-profit, Workplace Safety North (WSN) is one of four sector-based health and safety associations in Ontario.

WSN provides province-wide governmentapproved workplace health and safety services for forest products and mining sectors.

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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