

OHS eNews

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New and updated resources

New resources:

- [Hazard assessment and control](#) – webinar

Updated resources:

- [Emergency response planning: an occupational health and safety tool kit for the hospitality industry](#)

COVID-19 resources:

- [Workplace ergonomics considerations arising from the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Operating during a pandemic](#) – webinar
- [Find more COVID-19 resources](#)

[Visit the OHS Resource Portal](#)

Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act

Changes have been made to the following provisions of the *Employment Standards Code*, effective November 1, 2020:

- payment of earnings
- statements of earnings
- deductions
- rest periods
- average daily wage
- vacation entitlements
- averaging arrangements
- youth employment
- administrative penalties

[Learn more about restoring balance to Alberta's workplaces.](#)

[Additional Employment Standards information.](#)

Contact OHS

1-866-415-8690 (toll-free)
780-415 -8690 (Edmonton)

TTY: 1-800-232-7215

TTY: 780-427-9999 (Edmonton)

[Report a serious incident](#)

[Online incident reporting](#)
(Potentially serious, mine or mine site incidents)

[File a complaint](#)

OHS Code review plan

The [OHS Code three-year review plan for 2020-2023](#) is now available. The plan provides OHS with an opportunity to improve health and safety outcomes while enabling innovation, competitiveness and streamlining of requirements. Publishing the plan gives stakeholders an opportunity to understand and provide input on the work being done.

Work has begun on reviewing Parts of the Code for Year 1. Public consultation is planned for early 2021. Watch eNews for Code review stakeholder engagement opportunities.

[Get the current OHS Act, Regulation and Code.](#)

Build a COVID-19 toolkit

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety has a [build-your-own-toolkit](#) for COVID-19 resources. Simply check off the resources you need – ranging from a workplace health and safety guide to tip sheets and posters – and download them into a package for reference or distribution.

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Prevent the spread of COVID-19

All Albertans should continue acting responsibly: keep your distance, limit your cohorts, monitor your symptoms, stay home if you are sick and get tested.

Read [Prevent the spread of coronavirus](#) for more information.

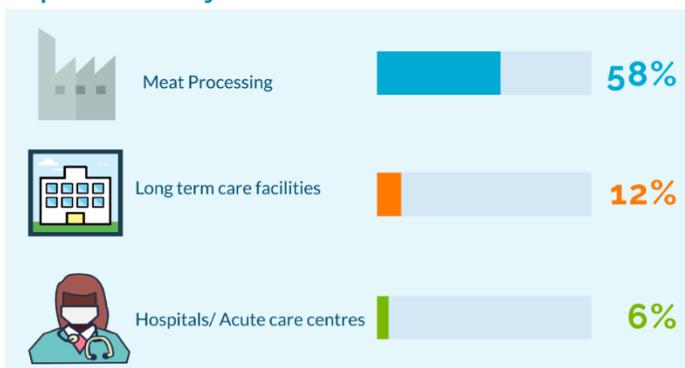
COVID-19 injury claims

Number of accepted COVID-19 WCB claims



Industries with the most COVID-19 claims

Top 3 industries by %



Data Source: Workers' Compensation Board claims database, as of October 23, 2020

Recent OHS incidents

The following summarizes work-related serious injuries and incidents reported to Alberta OHS. The incidents resulted in workers being admitted to hospital. Use these incidents as a way to start health and safety conversations in your workplace. These incidents are still under investigation and no additional information can be shared.

Slip and fall

A floor cleaning machine being used in a hallway leaked some water on the floor. A worker slipped on the water and fell, injuring their knee. *Municipal government, education and health services.*

Fall from ladder

A worker was on an extension ladder when they lost their balance and fell two metres to the ground, fracturing their leg. *Construction and construction trades.*

Fall from trailer

A truck driver was securing a load on a trailer. As they were pulling the tarp over the load, they lost their footing and fell off the trailer, sustaining leg injuries. *Mining and petroleum development.*

Quick links: [Alberta OHS legislation](#) [Occupational fatalities reports](#) [Partnerships in Injury Reduction](#)

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