

# OHS eNews

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### Health and safety committee (HSC) and health and safety (HS) representative training

HSC co-chairs and HS representatives are required to receive mandatory training on the duties and functions of their respective roles. This training is now available through [approved training providers](#).

All HSC members are encouraged to attend the mandatory approved training as part of their 16 hour/two shift annual training allowance.

### Health and safety webinars

Improve your understanding of the new OHS rules by participating in interactive webinars or by watching a prerecorded presentation. The HSC & HS representative webinar contains new content on HSC/HS representative training. You can register for upcoming webinars and find more information [here](#).

### OHS information for workers and employers

Resources to help guide you through the legislative requirements can be found at the [Online Resource Portal](#). New and updated information includes:

- [Health and Safety Committee and Health and Safety Representative Curriculum Standard](#)
- [Health and Safety Committee/Health and Safety Representative Training Agency Standard](#)
- [Health and Safety Committee/Health and Safety Representative Manual](#)
- [HSC/HS representative approved trainers](#)
- [X-treme safety. A young worker's guide to safety and employment rules.](#)

#### Contact OHS

1-866-415-8690 (toll-free)  
780-415 -8690 (Edmonton)  
TTY: 1-800-232-7215  
TTY: 780-427-9999 (Edmonton)

[Report an Incident](#)

[PSI Online Reporting](#)

### Farm and ranch technical rules

As of Dec. 1, 2018, waged, non-family farm and ranch workers have similar rights and protections as other working Albertans. This [flipbook](#) provides information to help employers and workers on farms and ranches understand their roles. Highlights of the changes may be found [here](#).

### OHS Futures research grants

The OHS Futures grant program annually provides OHS research funding. Details of the 14 research projects that received funding from the 2018 competition are available [here](#). These studies provide evidence on a variety of topics including stress, musculoskeletal injury risk assessment, and hazardous drug exposure.

### Working in extreme cold

Understanding the health and safety risks involved with working in extreme temperatures can help employers protect their workers. More information may be found [here](#).

- [Slips, trips and falls](#)
- [Snow and ice on commercial vehicles](#)
- [Working in cold infographic](#)

## Incidents recently reported to the OHS Contact Centre

These are summaries of selected work-related incidents reported to Alberta OHS. The summaries are based on information obtained as soon as possible after the incident. Because they are being investigated by the employers involved, no additional information will be provided. Use these reported incidents as ways to start conversations in your workplaces about how they could be prevented.

### Fall from ladder

A worker fell from a ladder and landed feet first on uneven ground. The fall resulted in a broken leg requiring surgery. *Construction and Construction Trade Services*

### Steel fragment enters leg

While using a sledgehammer on a piece of heavy equipment, a steel fragment entered the worker's leg after piercing both the insulated bib coveralls and Nomex® coveralls worn by the worker. The worker was admitted to hospital for surgery. *Mining and Petroleum Development*

### Worker pinned

A worker was pinned underneath a 20-inch pipe that had slipped off a pipe stand. The worker was transported to hospital and required surgery. *Mining and Petroleum Development*

### Explosion

During maintenance at a manufacturing facility, a large explosion occurred, resulting in injuries to several workers, including one who was airlifted to hospital. *Manufacturing, Processing and Packaging*

### Hand caught in auger

A worker was clearing snow from an auger while it was still running. The worker's hand became stuck. EMS responded and released the worker from the auger. The worker was transported to the hospital for treatment of hand injuries. *Provincial and Municipal Government, Education and Health Services.*

#### Quick Links

- [Alberta OHS Legislation](#)
- [Partnerships in Injury Reduction](#)
- [Workplace incidents](#)
- [Motor vehicle incidents](#)
- [Occupational diseases](#)
- [Infographics](#)
- [Alberta Queen's Printer](#)

## Employer records

The Employer Records report is [available online](#) and provides an integrated view of employer-specific OHS data.

## Infographics for 2017

Find them [here](#).



Detailed information for 2018 fatalities will be posted to Alberta.ca when the data is available.

