

Report for the Labour-Management Network, June 2022

Reporting Month Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
April 1 - 30, 2022	2	31	33

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
April 1 - 30, 2021	1	21	22

Fatality & Critical Injury Year-to-Date Overview – Construction

Injury Type	2022 January 1 – April 30	2021 January 1 – April 30
Fatal	5	4
Critical	116	93

Disclaimer: This information has been prepared to assist workplace parties in understanding their rights and duties under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and its regulations. This information does not constitute legal advice. To determine your rights and duties under the OHSA, please contact your legal counsel or refer to the legislation.

Section 2 – What's New

[Ontario Attracting More Skilled Newcomers to Strengthen Economy](#)

The Ontario government is working for workers by investing an additional \$15.1 million over three years to improve and expand the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP). The investment builds on the recently launched entrepreneurship pilot and will allow Ontario to attract the skilled immigrants needed to fill labour gaps when local workers are not available.

[Learn More](#)

[Ontario Planning to Move WSIB Head Office to London](#)

The Ontario government is working with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) in planning the relocation of its Toronto-based head office to London. The move is part of the government's Community Jobs Initiative, a new strategy to save taxpayer dollars while bringing good jobs and economic development to more communities by ensuring provincial agencies are spread out across Ontario.

[Learn more](#)

For more what's **new** – Ministry of Labour articles, see: [What's New!](#)

Section 3 – Court Bulletins

Workplace Fatality Results in \$120,000 Fine for Welland-based Company

Convicted: *2258850 Ontario Inc. o/a Perth County Fabrication, 4812 Road 164, Bornholm, Ontario, N0K 1A0, a company that fabricates and erects structural steel for construction projects.*

Location of Workplace: *439 King Street, Welland, ON.*

Description of Offence: *A worker was fatally injured while performing duties at a construction site in Welland, ON.*

Date of Offence: *November 12, 2019.*

Date of Conviction: *March 29, 2022.*

Penalty Imposed:

- *Following a guilty plea in the Ontario Court of Justice, St. Catharines, Perth County Fabrication was fined \$120,000 by Judge Donald Wolfe; Crown Counsel Judy L. Chan.*
- *The court also imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.*

Background:

- *In 2019, Perth County Fabrications (“Perth”) was retained to fabricate and install structural steel upon which concrete would be installed*

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at a construction site for construction of a multi-storey building. Perth employed workers at the project.

- On November 5, 2019, an engineer conducted a site visit and found that the precast concrete slabs on the second floor of the building under construction did not bear sufficiently on the structural steel beams.*
 - The engineer's report stated that no load should be placed on top of the concrete slabs until the matter had been addressed properly. The report also recommended that the areas above and below the concrete in question should be taped off so that no person was under or on top of these slabs.*
 - At a meeting between the construction contractors that included Perth, a determination was made that the structural beams in the area in question had been installed incorrectly and a plan was put in place to rectify the problem.*
 - The plan required the pre-cast concrete contractor to remove the slabs on the offending steel beams, so that Perth could remove the beams and re-install them correctly. However, by November 12, 2019, the concrete contractor had not made arrangements to remove the slabs, as planned.*
 - A Perth supervisor decided to take steps to expedite the work and directed a worker employed by Perth to remove most of the bolts on the structural beams and cut the rebar connections under the concrete slabs.*
 - The supervisor did not instruct the worker to install bracing to support the concrete slabs once the bolts had been removed.*
 - When the worker cut the rebar under one of the overhead concrete slabs, the slab fell on top of the worker. This resulted in a fatal injury.*
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- *An investigation by the Ministry of Labour Training and Skills Development determined that Perth failed to ensure that the concrete slabs were adequately braced to prevent any movement that may affect their stability or cause a failure or collapse, in contravention of section 31(1)(b) of the Regulation for Construction Projects and section 25(1)(c) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act. This is an offence contrary to section 66(1) of the Act.*

Court Bulletins can be found here: <https://news.ontario.ca/en>

Section 4 – Enforcement Trends – April 2022

MLTSD Construction Inspectors responded to **359 events*** throughout the province. Year-to-date **1,381 events** have been reported to the MLTSD.

Those inspectors issued **600 Stop Work Orders****. Of those, 471 were issued during a pro-active inspection and 129 were issued during an investigation stemming from an event. Year to date, **2,395** stop-work orders have been issued during **7,838** field visits



*Events consist of complaints, work refusals, critical injury, fatality, an occurrence, or injury as prescribed

**A stop work order is issued by an inspector where a hazardous condition to workers is presently observed

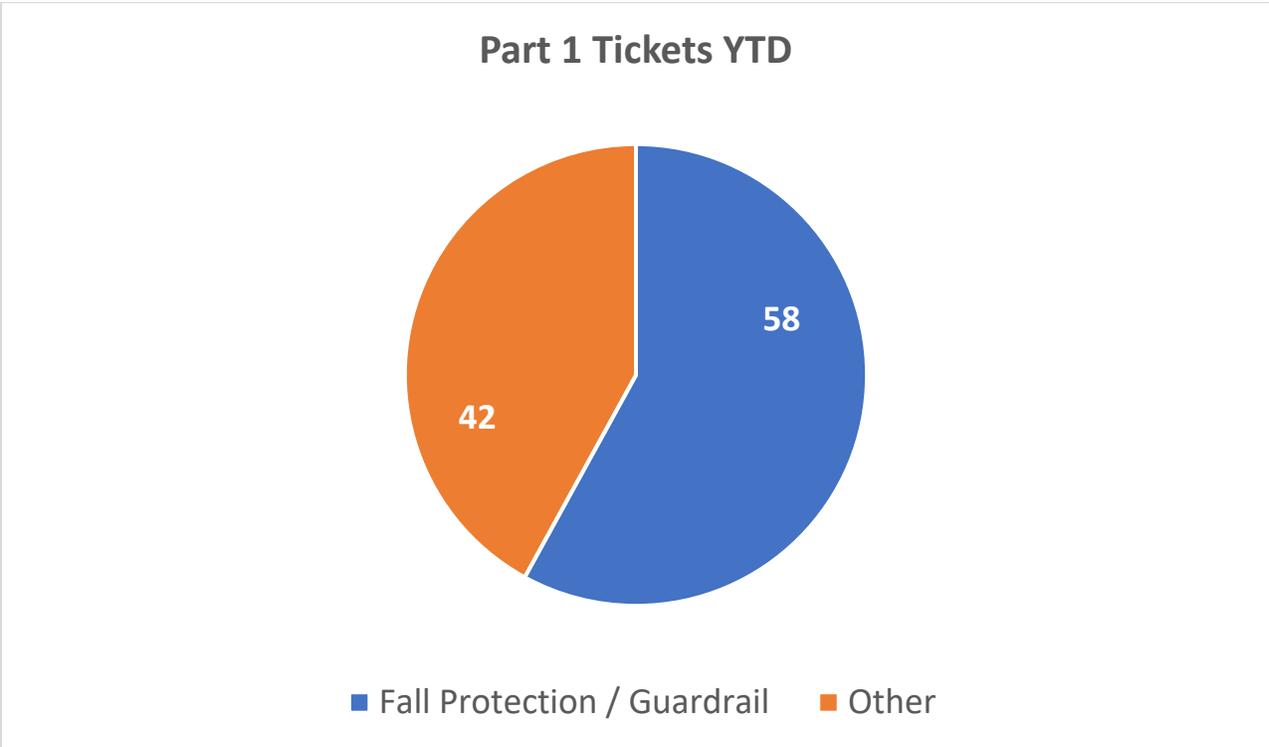
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65% of all Part 1 tickets issued by MLTSD Construction Inspectors were in relation to either a **lack of fall protection equipment** being used, or a **lack of a guardrail system** being installed.

Year-to-date **58%** of all Part 1 Tickets issued by construction inspectors have been for these same fall hazard related contraventions.



Other contraventions where Part 1 Tickets were issued include all other regulations within O. Reg 213/91

Section 5 – Critical Injuries

Critical Injuries

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2022 April	2022 January 1 – April 30
Critical	31	116

Injury Type	2021 April	2021 January 1 – April 30
Critical	21	93

NOTE: These figures represent preliminary data and are not to be considered official statistics from the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. Official statistics will be issued quarterly by the Program Analysis, Evaluation and Outcomes Unit of the Occupational Health and Safety Branch of the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. Data are subject to change due to updates in the enforcement database. Only events reported to the ministry are included here. Except for fatalities, event categories in the ministry's data set are based on what was assigned at the time of the initial report to the ministry. The reported event category may not represent what occurred at the workplace

Total Year-to-Date Critical Injuries 2022 (116)

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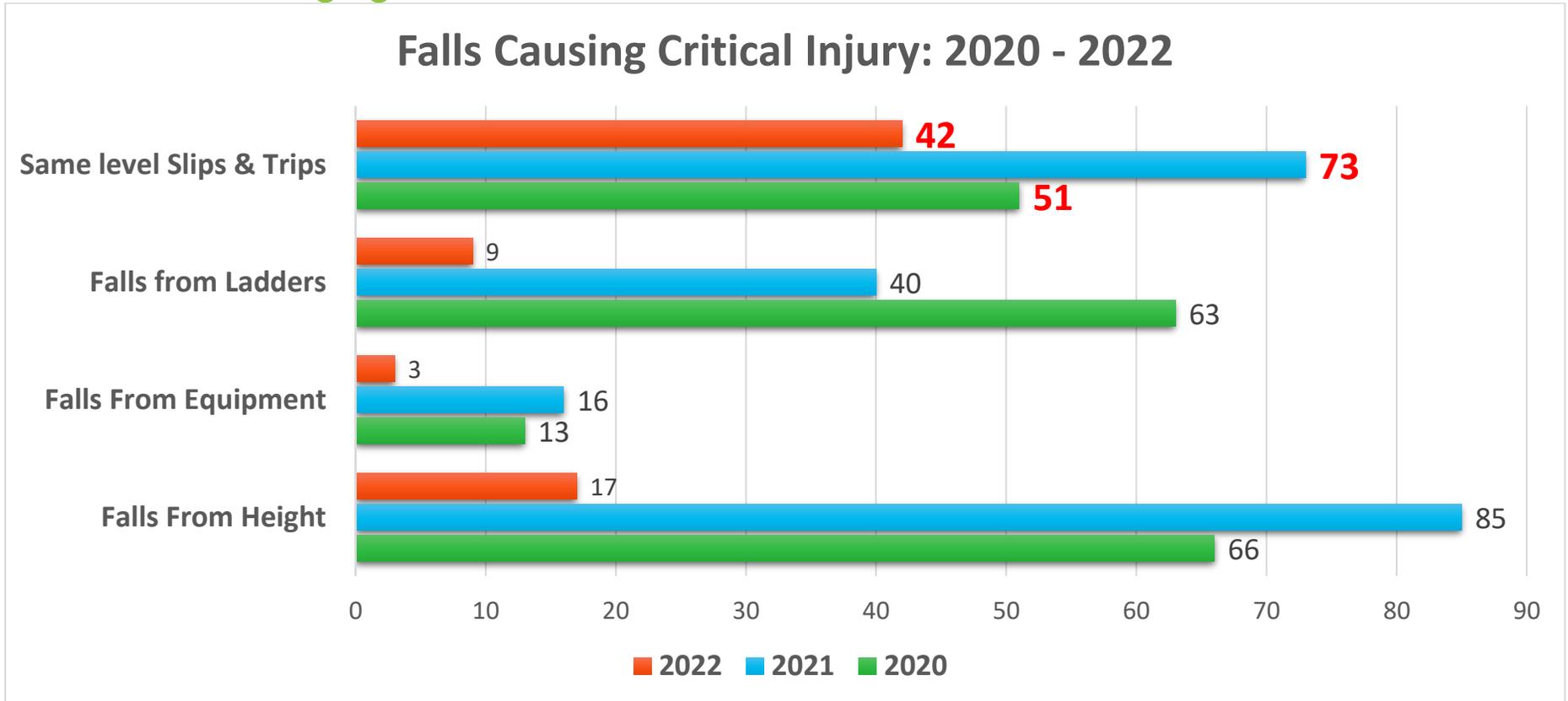
TOTAL 2022 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	COMM	NECC	RAIL	ETTL	HYDR	SEWW	BRID	WIND	TELE	MARE	PAVE	MINP	PIPE	CAIS	TOTAL
Falls from Heights	9	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	17
Falls From Equipment	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Falls from Ladders	5	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Same level slips and trips	8	1	8	8	2	6	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	42
Struck by equipment	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Struck by material	2	2	8	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	5	21
collapse of structure	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Electrical Contact	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Excavation Collapse	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Other, including multiple factors, i.e., fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7
TOTAL	29	5	24	14	3	17	2	4	1	3	7	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	32	116

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A Focus on Falls: Emerging Trends

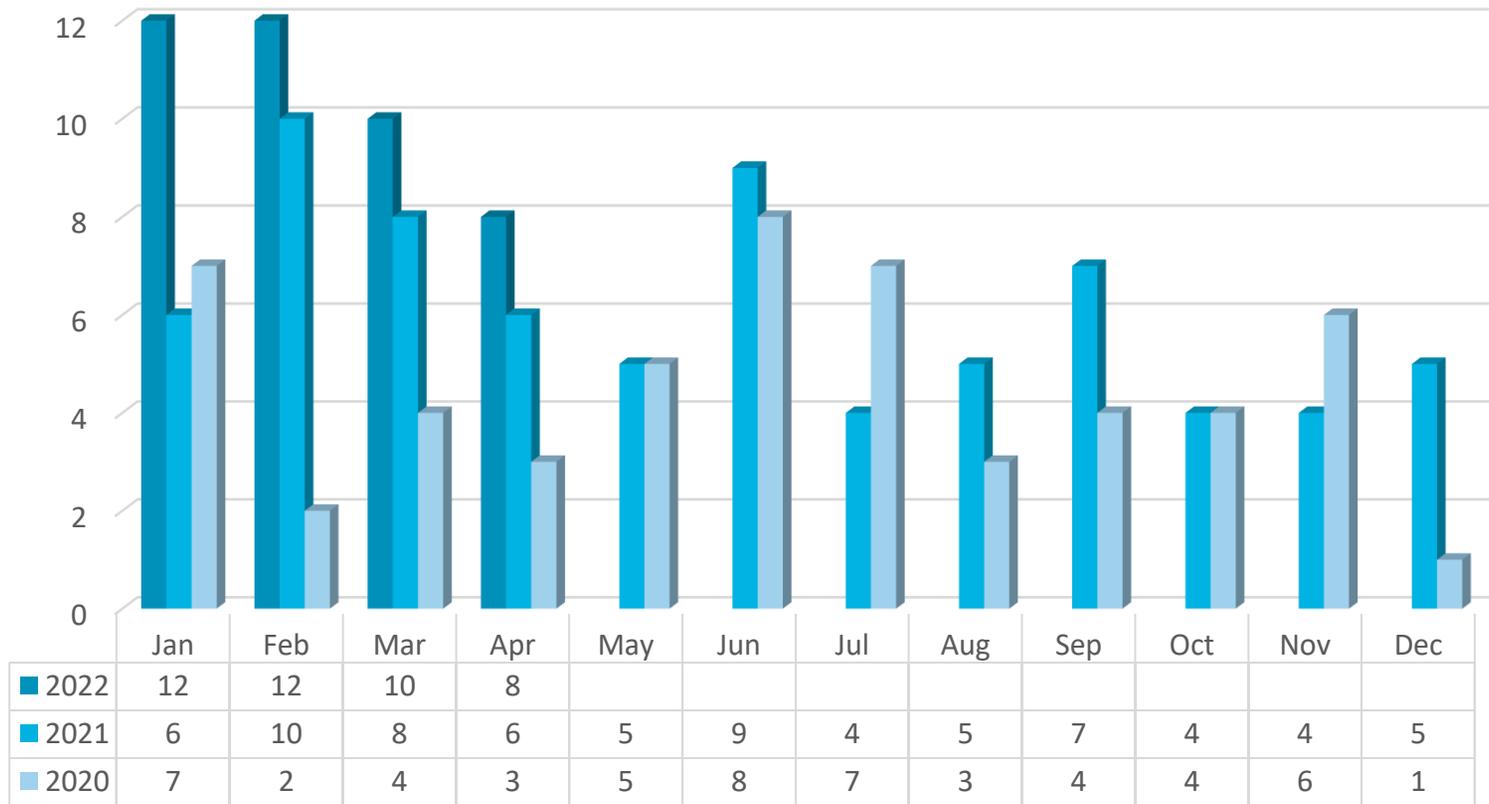


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Same Level Slips & Trips: 2020 through 2022



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Critical Injuries Totals: April 1 - 30, 2022 (31)

	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
1	1-Apr-22	Orangeville	RESS			Worker suffered loss of consciousness after fall from roof	FALL
2	4-Apr-22	London	RESS			Worker fractured leg after platform they were working from broke beneath them	OTHER
3	5-Apr-22	Richmond Hill	COMM			Worker suffered compound fracture to leg after excavation wall collapse	EXCAV COLLAPSE
4	6-Apr-22	Mississauga	RESM			Worker suffered loss of consciousness and fell (at ground level)	FALL
5	6-Apr-22	Toronto	RAIL			Worker fractured ankle when turned while carrying materials at project	OTHER
6	7-Apr-22	Vaughan	RESS			Worker fell from ladder causing fracture to ankle	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
7	7-Apr-22	Ottawa	RESM			Worker suffered fractured arm when drywall being repositioned fell on them	STRUCK BY
8	7-Apr-22	Toronto	COMM			Worker suffered fracture to wrist after being struck by rebar at project	STRUCK BY
9	8-Apr-22	Toronto	RESM			Worker had foot run over by dump truck causing multiple fractures	STRUCK BY
10	8-Apr-22	Moore	INDU			Worker tripped over cement curbing causing fracture to hands	FALL
11	8-Apr-22	Hamilton	INDU			Worker fractured ankle when stepping down from a column base	FALL
12	11-Apr-22	Hamilton	INDU			Worker slipped on spilled liquids causing fracture to arm	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
13	11-Apr-22	Toronto	RAIL			Worker suffered loss of consciousness while operating a jackhammer in a vault chamber	OTHER
14	13-Apr-22	Toronto	RESM			Worker suffered fracture to leg after being struck by suspended load of materials	STRUCK BY
15	14-Apr-22	Windsor	RESS			Worker suffered a fractured ankle when an excavation wall collapsed	EXCAV COLLAPSE
16	14-Apr-22	Gogama	INDU			Worker slipped and fell causing a fracture to arm	FALL
17	18-Apr-22	Whitby	RESS			Worker was critically injured after a 4-5m fall from a roof	FALL
18	19-Apr-22	Toronto	WIND			Worker was critically injured after fall from boatswain's chair	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
						(approximately 2-3 storeys)	
19	19-Apr-22	Fitzroy Hall	HYDR			Worker fractured a tibia when jumping down from an elevated work area	FALL
20	22-Apr-22	Etobicoke	PAVE			Worker was struck by debris falling from a skid steer. Fracture to leg results	STRUCK BY
21	25-Apr-22	Ottawa	RESM			Worker slipped while trying to get into an elevating work platform causing a loss of consciousness	FALL
22	25-Apr-22	Toronto	RESM			Worker fell while in the cab of an elevator when it fell. Fractures to leg	OTHER
23	26-Apr-22	London	RESS			Worker critically injured after 6m fall from roof	FALL
24	26-Apr-22	Toronto	MARE			Worker tripped and fell when leaving project	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
						causing a fracture to ankle	
25	27-Apr-22	Fort Erie	RESS			Worker critically injured after fall from roof	FALL
26	28-Apr-22	Toronto	RESM			Worker fell from ladder when the ladder slipped out from under them. Fracture to leg results	FALL
27	29-Apr-22	Alexandria	RESS			Worker critically injured after fall from rafters at residential project	FALL
28	29-Apr-22	Terra Cotta	NECC			Worker fell from roof causing a fracture to their wrist	FALL
29	29-Apr-22	Hamilton	COMM			Worker fell approx. 1m causing a compound fracture to ankle	FALL
30	29-Apr-22	Lindsay	RESM			Worker was critically injured when a bundle of jacks fell from the truck they had been loaded onto	STRUCK BY

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
31	29-Apr-22	Dorion	ROAD			Worker suffered fracture to hand when they were struck by rock drill they were using	STRUCK BY

Section 6 – Fatal Injuries

Fatal Injuries

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2022 April	2022 January 1 – April 30
Fatal	2	5

Injury Type	2021 April	2021 January 1 – April 30
Fatal	1	4

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Total Year-to-Date Fatal Injuries 2022 (5)

TOTAL 2022 FATALS	RESS	INDU	COMM	NECC	TOTAL
Falls from Heights	1	1	0	0	2
Falls From Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Falls from Ladders	0	0	1	0	1
Same level slips and trips	0	0	0	0	0
Struck by equipment	0	0	0	1	1
Struck by material	0	0	0	0	0
collapse of structure	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical Contact	0	0	0	0	0
Excavation Collapse	0	0	0	0	0
Other, including multiple factors, i.e., fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	2	1	1	1	5

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Project Sector	Employer Sector (NAICS)	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)
1	10-Jan-22	Staples	INDU	Industrial Building and Structure Construction (263210)	Labourer	27	Worker fell approx. 10m from roof of building under construction. Worker was not wearing fall protection.
2	27-Jan-22	Renfrew	RESS	Residential Building Construction (236110)	Concrete Finisher	71	Worker succumbed to carbon monoxide exposure while operating concrete cement power trowel in enclosed space
3	12-Feb-22	Clearview	NECC	General Freight Trucking, Long Distance, LTL	Driver / Operator	28	A worker was fatally injured when they were crushed by a

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				(484122)			dump truck that tipped over
4	6-Apr-22	London	RESS	Roofing Contractors (238160)	Rofer	22	Worker fell from roof of three storey building. Worker was not wearing fall protection
5	19-Apr-22	Mississauga	COMM	Industrial Building and Structure Construction (23610)	General Labourer	75	Worker succumbed to injuries due to a fall (*possibly from ladder though not yet confirmed*)

All new entries (current month and reconciled data) appear in **bold**.

NOTE: Some detail will inevitably be missing from the PLMHSC Report. The document is intended to provide an initial overview, not a comprehensive report. Annual data reporting approved by the Director should be used by stakeholders if they wish to see all data available to the Ministry related to an event.

SECTOR DESCRIPTION	SHORT DESC
Asbestos Removal - Type 1	ASB1
Asbestos Removal - Type 2	ASB2
Asbestos Removal - Type 3	ASB3
Bridge Construction	BRID
Cable	CABL
Caisson	CAIS

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Cofferdam	COFF
Commercial Building Construction	COMM
Diving Construction	DCON
Diving Environmental	DENV
Diving Industrial	DIND
Diving Mining	DMIN
Electrical Towers & Transmission Lines	ETTL
Excavation	EXCA
Gas Service Connection	GAS
Excavation - Grading	GRAD
Hydro	HYDR
Industrial Building Construction	INDU
Institutional Building Construction	INST
Marine Construction	MARE
Mining Plant Construction	MINP
Moving of a Building/Structure	MOVE
NEC - Construction	NECC
NEC - Diving	NECD
Asphalt Paving	PAVE
Pipeline	PIPE
Hydroelectric Power Plants & Rel	POWP
Railway	RAIL
Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	RESM
Single Family Housing	RESS
Highway & Road Construction	ROAD
Sewer/Watermain Construction	SEWW
Shaft Construction	SHAF
Shipbuilding & Repair	SHIP
Subway	SUBW
Telephone	TELE
Trenching	TREN
Tunnel	TUNN
Well Drilling	WELL
Window Cleaning Services	WIND