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Report for the Labour-Management Network
April 2026

Monthly Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
February 2026	**1 + 1 -** (Jan. 26, 2026)	**31**	**33**

Fatality & Critical Injury Overview

Reporting Months	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
Year to Date 2026	**2**	**65**	**67**

Resources to help you achieve compliance on construction projects and window cleaning operations

General requirements
Access to and egress from a work area
Asbestos on construction projects
Diving operations
Electrical hazards
Equipment
Excavations
Fall protection and roofing
Forms, formwork, falsework, and re-shoring
Housekeeping, fire protection, public way protection, traffic control, and hot tar or bitumen tankers or kettles
Hygiene
Window cleaning operations
Workplace Hazard Alerts I Ontario.ca

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.

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Section 1 – Senior Manager's Comments

- **Winter conditions played a big role in same-level falls.** JHSCs and HSRs are in a perfect position to flag recurring problem spots—entrances, ramps, walkways, portable toilets—and make sure there's a plan (and someone assigned) to keep them clear. Small fixes—like clearing icy patches, tidying walkways, or making sure guardrails are in place—can go a long way in preventing serious injuries. As we gradually leave winter conditions, rain will result in mud and puddles that can hide hazards. Keeping an eye on those is also important.
- **Falls from ladders and roofs are still a concern,** so this is also a good opportunity for committees and reps to spark quick, on-the-spot conversations about ladder condition, setup, and whether a different tool might be the safer choice. These informal check-ins can make a real difference in keeping elevated work safer.
- **Struck-by incidents were also far too common,** and JHSC members and reps can play a big role by watching how materials are stored, moved, and handled. A reminder to keep clear of suspended loads and protect pinch points is often all it takes to prevent a close call from becoming something worse.

Sincerely, Chris Boccinfuso

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Section 2 – What's New

Ontario and Canada investing more than $228 million to protect workers and key industries

The Ontario government is taking further action to protect Ontario workers by expanding training and employment supports for those impacted by tariffs and global trade disruptions. Through a $228.8 million investment from the Government of Canada over the next three years, Ontario will deliver the Canada-Ontario Workforce Tariff Response, helping up to 27,000 workers across the province retrain, upgrade their skills and stay competitive in key sectors of the economy, including softwood lumber, steel and automotive manufacturing.

Learn more

For the latest **What's New** – MLITSD articles, see: What's New!

Section 3 – Court Bulletin(s)

NOTE: *Although the court bulletin referenced below pertains to the Employment Standards Act, it is important to recognize the potential consequences of providing false or misleading information to an MLITSD inspector.*

Company Fined $100,000 After Providing False Records to an Officer

Convicted: ML Staffing Solutions Inc.,158 Hester Street, Hamilton, Ontario, a temporary help agency.

Location of Workplace: 158 Hester Street, Hamilton, Ontario

Description of Offences: ML Staffing Solutions Inc. was fined for providing false records and obstructing an employment standards officer during an inspection. By providing false records, the company contravened sections 131(1) and 91(11) of the *Employment Standards Act* (ESA), both offences under section 132 of the ESA.

Date of Offences: January 27, 2023 to February 3, 2023

Date of Conviction: February 25, 2026

Penalty Imposed:

- Following a guilty plea in the Ontario Provincial Offences Court in Hamilton, the company was fined $100,000 by Justice of the Peace Fabiano F. de M. Mendes. The Crown Counsel were Sepideh Kamali and Evan Schiller.
- 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.

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Background:

- On December 28, 2022, an employment standards officer conducting an inspection of ML Staffing Solutions Inc. issued a Demand for Records to the company, to determine their compliance with the ESA.
- In response, the company provided partial records. The officer also obtained records from the company's clients and its bank.
- During a review of the records, the officer found multiple discrepancies. While the client and bank records matched, none of the information contained in the company records was accurate. The company had made and provided false records to the officer. As such, the officer was unable to conduct an inspection to determine the company's compliance with the ESA.
- The company failed, as an employer by:
    - producing false records, contrary to section 131(1) of the ESA, which is an offence contrary to section 132 of the ESA.
    - hindering, obstructing and/or interfering with an employment standards officer conducting an investigation, contrary to subsection 91(11) of the ESA, which is an offence contrary to section 132 of the ESA.

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

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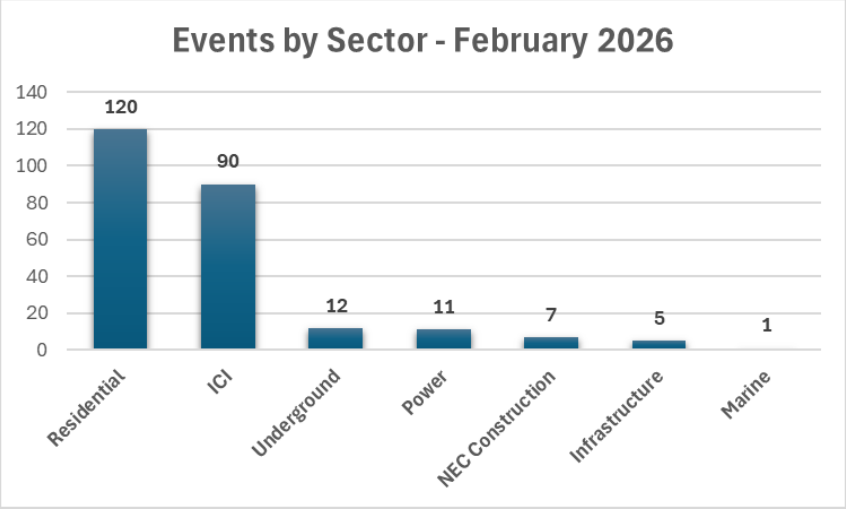
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Section 4 – Enforcement Results and Trends – February 2026

MLITSD Construction Inspectors conducted **1,928** field visits to **1,110** workplaces during the month of February 2026 resulting in **3,471** total enforcement actions, which includes **297** Stop Work Orders accompanied by **449** Time Unknown Orders.

Most common enforcement actions under O.Reg.213/91

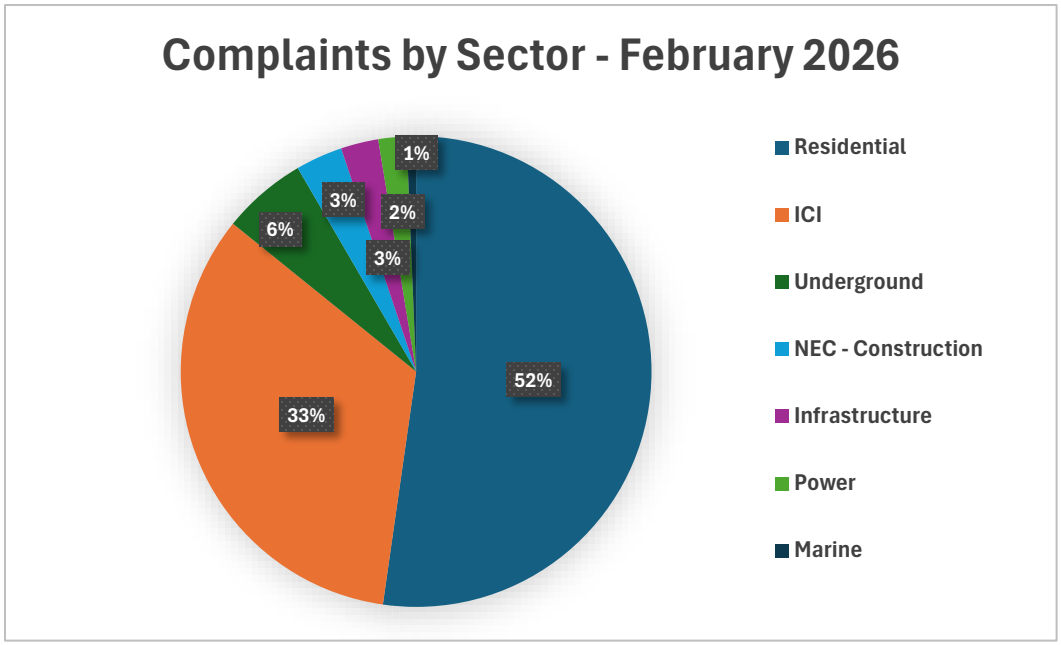
Fall Protection	423	
PPE (excl. Section 26)	382	
Hygiene	233	
Emerg. Mgmt. / Fire Safety	229	
Housekeeping	197	
Access / Egress	170	
Stairs	154	
Scaffolding	140	
Ladders	133	
Equipment, General	121	
Sub-Total	**2,182**	**80.3%**
NOP and Registration Forms	232	8.5%
Sub-Total	**2,414**	
All Other Sections	305	11.2%
TOTAL	**2,719**	**100%**

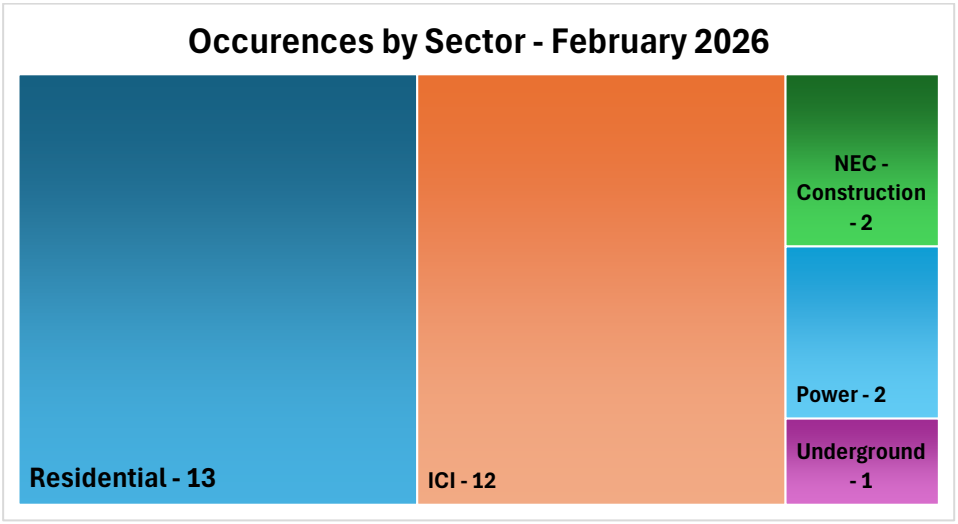


Events by Classification (not including BOSTA)	
Complaints	158
Injuries/Incidents	58
Occurrences	30
Occupational Illness	0
Work Refusal	0
Work Stoppage	0
Reprisal	0

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OHSA S.53 - Occurrence means:

Accident, premature or unexpected explosion, fire, flood or inrush of water, failure of any equipment, machine, device, article or thing, cave-in, subsidence, rockburst, or other prescribed incident occurs at a project.

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Section 5 – Critical Injuries & Fatalities: Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison

Fatality Summary – February 2026

Fatal Injuries	February 2026	Year to Date 2026
	1 + 1 – (Jan. 26, 2026)	**2**
	February 2025	Year to Date 2025
	2	4

Fatalities – Year to Date 2026

Year to Date 2026 FATALS	RESM	NECC	Total
Falls from Ladders	1		1
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.		1	1
TOTAL	**1**	**1**	**2**

	Date of Incident	Municipality (Where incident occurred)	Sector (Refer to Sector Description Table)	Occupation (Of Injured Person)	Details (As reported at the time of incident)	Category (Initial Cause as reported)
2	**February 20, 2026**	**Spencerville**	**Residential Building Construction**	**Siding Installer**	**Worker fell from a ladder on Feb. 20, 2026, and succumbed to their injuries on Feb 24, 2026**	**Fall – From Ladder**

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	Date of Incident	**Municipality** (Where incident occurred)	**Sector** (Refer to Sector Description Table)	**Occupation** (Of Injured Person)	**Details** (As reported at the time of incident)	**Category** (Initial Cause as reported)
1	**January 26, 2026**	**Hamilton**	**Ship Building and Repair**	**Skid Steer Operator**	**Worker drowned after the skid steer he was operating to clear snow was submerged in water.**	**NEC - Construction**

Critical Injuries	**February 2026**	**Year to Date 2026**
As defined in S.1(1) of O.Reg. 420/21 – Notices and Reports Under Sections 51 to 53 of the Act – Fatalities, Critical Injuries, Occupational Illnesses and Other Incidents	**31**	**65**
	February 2025	Year to Date 2025
	27	43

NOTE: These figures represent preliminary data and are not to be considered official statistics from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, 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, Immigration, 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.

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Critical Injuries – February - 2026

February 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	POWP	HYDR	TOTAL
Falls from Heights	1		2						1	4
Falls From Equipment								1		1
Falls from Ladders			1				2			3
Same level slips and trips	1	1	4	3		1	2			12
Struck by equipment					1					1
Struck by material	1	1	2	1			1	1	1	8
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.				2						2
TOTAL	**3**	**2**	**9**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**5**	**2**	**2**	**31**

Critical Injuries – Year to Date 2026

Year to Date 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	NECC	POWP	ETTL	HYDR	SEWW	TOTAL
Falls from Heights	1		4				2	1			1		9
Falls From Equipment	2	1					2		1				6
Falls from Ladders	1		3				3						7
Same level slips and trips	2	1	6	7		1	2	2	1	1		1	24
Struck by equipment					1	1							2
Struck by material	1	3	2	1			1		1		1		10
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	1			3	1		1	1					7
TOTAL	**8**	**5**	**15**	**11**	**2**	**2**	**11**	**4**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**65**

	Date of Incident	**Municipality** (Where incident occurred)	**Sector** (Refer to Sector Description Table)	**Occupation** (Of Injured Person)	**Details** (As reported at the time of incident)
Fall – Same Level (12)					
1	February 2, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker slipped on ice, resulting in broken fibula.

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2	February 3, 2026	Gravenhurst	Excavation	Flatbed Hauler	Worker suffered broken foot after slipping while hooking up trailer.
3	February 4, 2026	Brampton	Commercial Building Construction	Labourer	Worker fell, resulting in a broken wrist.
4	February 9, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Traffic Controller	Worker slipped on ice, resulting in a broken wrist.
5	February 10, 2026	Mississauga	Institutional Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered a broken ankle after losing footing.
6	February 11, 2026	Innisfil	Industrial Building Construction	Concrete Worker	Worker suffered broken ankle after falling while carrying rebar.
7	February 13, 2026	Brampton	Industrial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered a broken foot after slipping on ice.
8	February 18, 2026	Keewatin	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered broken arm after falling while walking up a hill.
9	February 18, 2026	Windsor	Industrial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered broken ankle after tripping over a rock.
10	February 19, 2026	Mississauga	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered broken ankle after stepping into an unprotected air duct hole.

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11	February 24, 2026	Toronto	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered broken arm after slipping in the parking lot.
12	February 26, 2026	North York	Single Family Housing	Worker	Worker suffered a broken wrist after slipping on ice while going to the portable toilet.
Struck By – Material (8)					
1	February 9, 2026	Mattawan	Hydro	Labourer	Worker suffered broken arm after being dropping material he was handling.
2	February 10, 2026	Barrie	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Drywaller	Worker suffered a broken leg after a sheet of drywall fell on her.
3	February 11, 2026	Tiverton	Hydroelectric Power Plants & Rel	Labourer	Worker suffered multiple fractures to fingers on hand after it was caught between material.
4	February 12, 2026	Mississauga	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered multiple leg fractures after material fell on him.
5	February 12, 2026	Niagara Falls	Institutional Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered critical injuries after material fell on him.
6	February 17, 2026	Hamilton	Single Family Housing	Concrete Worker	Worker suffered critical injury after being hit by concrete and rebar.

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7	February 25, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Tiler	Worker suffered broken leg after being hit by falling tiles.
8	February 25, 2026	Chelsea	Industrial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered a fractured foot after being hit by a falling pipe.
Fall – From Height (4)					
1	February 2, 2026	Richmond Hill	Hydro	Glazer	Worker fell from second floor to main floor, resulting in broken femur.
2	February 10, 2026	Greely	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Roofer	Worker suffered broken leg after falling from the roof.
3	February 23, 2026	Ottawa	Single Family Housing	Worker (Company Owner)	Worker suffered broken wrist after falling from second floor to main floor.
4	February 28, 2026	Kitchener	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered critical injury after falling from one level to another.
Fall – From Ladder (3)					
1	February 10, 2026	Etobicoke	Commercial Building Construction	Electrician	Worker suffered critical injury after falling from a ladder.
2	February 10, 2026	Belleville	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered a broken arm after falling from a ladder.

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3	February 20, 2026	Ottawa	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Carpenter	Worker lost consciousness after falling from a ladder.
NEC – Construction (2)					
1	February 7, 2026	Oakville	Industrial Building Construction	Conveyor Operator	Worker lost consciousness.
2	February 16, 2026	Oakville	Industrial Building Construction	Welder	Worker suffered loss of consciousness.
Struck By – Equipment (1)					
1	February 5, 2026	Red Lake	Highway & Road Construction	Snowcat Operator	Worker suffered a broken wrist when the equipment hatch closed on his hand.
Fall – From Equipment (1)					
1	February 14, 2026	Kakabeka Falls	Hydroelectric Power Plants & Rel	Operator	Worker broken his ankle after missing step while egressing crane.

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Sector Classification	Sub-Sector Description	Code
Residential	Apartment and Other Multiple Housing	RESM
	High Rise (10+ storeys)	RESM
	Low-Rise (less than 4 storeys)	RESM
	Medium Rise (4 to 9 storeys)	RESM
	Residential Construction	RESM
	Single Family Housing	RESS
ICI	Commercial Building Construction	COMM
	Industrial Building Construction	INDU
	Institutional Building Construction	INST
Underground	Caisson	CAIS
	Cofferdam	COFF
	Excavation	EXCA
	Pipeline	PIPE
	Sewer / Watermain	SEWW
	Shaft Construction	SHAF
	Subway	SUBW
	Trenching	TREN
	Tunnel	TUNN
	Well Drilling	WELL
Infrastructure	Asphalt Paving	PAVE
	Bridge Construction	BRID
	Excavation – Grading	GRAD
	Highway and Road Construction	ROAD
	Railway	RAIL
Power	Cable	CABL
	Electrical Towers and Transmission Lines	ETTL
	Gas Service Connection	GAS
	Hydro	HYDR
	Hydroelectric Power Plants	POWP
Diving	Construction	DCON
	Environmental	DENV
	Film and Television	DFTV
	Industrial	DIND
	Mining	DMIN
	Scientific	DSCI
Marine	Marine Construction	MARE
	Shipbuilding and Repair	SHIP
NEC – Construction	Asbestos – Type I	ASB1
	Asbestos – Type II	ASB2
	Asbestos – Type III	ASB3
	Mining Plant Construction	MINP
	Moving of a Building / Structure	MOVE
	Telephone	TELE
	Window Cleaning Services	WIND