

Report for the Labour-Management Network, July 2020



Reporting Month Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
May 1 - 31, 2020	0	32	32

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
May 1 - 31, 2019	0	25	25

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

Injury Type	2020 January 1 – May 31	2019 January 1 – May 31
Fatal	8	3
Critical	96	117

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.

Provincial Coordinator's Comment

Over the past few months, with Constructors taking a step back to analyze processes on their projects, there has been a lot of thought and consideration to how projects are set up. What was easy in terms of having remote washroom and clean up facilities for short duration projects, became very difficult. Constructors and employers have had to take the time to consider how worker's basic needs can be met in the absence of local shops or restaurants being open. This has spurred significant debate in terms of what is reasonable for workers to have access to, especially on projects that may move throughout the day or are only one or two days in duration.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that workers have the right to proper washroom and clean up facilities regardless of how a project is structured. It is the Constructor's responsibility to ensure that adequate washroom and clean-up facilities are provided for on every project. This can take many forms; a traditional portable washroom and clean-up facility, or, when the appropriate arrangements are made, access to a permanent washroom in a shop or restaurant close to the project, even an agreement with the home owner to use their washroom may be sufficient. There are many workable arrangements, but the fact remains, this must be top-of-mind in planning any and all projects. Simply leaving it up to the workers to figure it out for themselves is unacceptable.

Everyone has the right to dignity and privacy while at home or work. Adequate washrooms and clean-up facilities are always non-negotiable requirements for every construction project.

Please take the time to consider the needs of your workers and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

Brian Barron

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Section 2 – What's New

[100+ guidelines, plus tip sheets and posters, to promote working safely in numerous sectors](#)

Resources for working safely during the COVID-19 outbreak, aimed at employers and workers, are available online. These include guidelines for numerous jobs and sectors, as well as downloadable workplace posters and graphic tip sheets.

[Get COVID-19 resources](#)

[Ontario extending Infectious Disease Emergency Leave for workers during COVID-19](#)

The Ontario government is taking steps to help ensure that as the economy gradually and safely reopens workers will have jobs to return to and businesses will be protected from incurring unsustainable termination costs. On June 1, the government announced that it had enacted a new regulatory amendment that will put non-unionized employees on Infectious Disease Emergency Leave during the COVID-19 outbreak any time their hours of work are temporarily reduced by their employer due to COVID-19. This will ensure businesses aren't forced to terminate employees after their ESA temporary layoff periods have expired.

[Learn more](#)

[IHSA offers webinar on COVID-19 construction sector health and safety practices](#)

The Infrastructure Health and Safety Association has made available a pre-recorded, 45-minute webinar on COVID-19 health and safety practices for the construction sector. The webinar includes information on best practices for construction sites as well as on-site roles and responsibilities regarding COVID-19.

[View webinar](#)

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

Section 3 – Court Bulletins

*****As the courts have been closed, there are no new bulletins*****

Section 4 – Critical Injuries

Critical Injuries

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

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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.

REPORTING MONTH: May 1 - 31, 2020 (32)

Monthly Summary Report: Critical

NOTE: 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 actually occurred at the workplace.

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SECTOR	REPORTED CAUSE	FALL	STRUCK BY	ELECTRICAL CONTACT	EXCAVATION COLLAPSE	OTHER	MONTH	YEAR
RESS		4					4	19
INST		3	1				4	8
RESM		7	2			1	10	25
INDU			2				2	6
ROAD								3
EXCA								1
COMM		3	1				4	17
MINP								1
NECC								2
RAIL		1	2			1	4	5
POWP								1
GRAD								1
SHIP								1
SHAF								1
CAIS								1
GAS		1					1	1
ETTL			1				1	1
HYDR				1			1	1
PAVE			1				1	1
MONTH		19	10	1		2	32	96
YEAR		64	23	2	2	4		

Critical Injuries:

Totals: May 31, 2020 (32)

	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
1	01-May-20	Toronto	RESM			Worker suffered fractures to legs when struck by vehicle	Struck By

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
2	01-May-20	Toronto	RESM			Worker suffered fracture to ankle when tool slipped	Other
3	02-May-20	Toronto	RESM			Worker fell from wall and fractured arm	FALL
4	03-May-20	Stouffville	RESS			Worker fell approx. 8' suffers critical injury	FALL
5	04-May-20	Toronto	INDU			Worker fractured foot when material shifted and struck worker	STRUCK BY
6	05-May-20	Kitchener	COMM			Worker critically injured during fall through floor opening	FALL
7	06-May-20	Puslinch	GAS			Worker suffered loss of consciousness during fall on stairs	FALL
8	08-May-20	Hamilton	COMM			Worker suffers loss of consciousness after being knocked off of flat bed by materials	STRUCK BY
9	11-May-20	London	INST			Worker suffered fractures to arm during fall from scaffold	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
10	12-May-20	London	RESS			Worker suffered critical injuries when fell from roof (20')	FALL
11	12-May-20	Toronto	RESS			Worker suffered multiple fractures after fall from ladder (30')	FALL
12	12-May-20	Barry's Bay	COMM			Worker suffered loss of consciousness during fall from scaffolding	FALL
13	13-May-20	Waterloo	INST			Worker suffered multiple digit amputation when struck by materials	STRUCK BY
14	13-May-20	Etobicoke	RESM			Worker suffered critical injuries to left leg after fall from beam	FALL
15	14-May-20	Toronto	RESM			Worker fell from ladder and suffered fracture to arm	FALL
16	19-May-20	London	RESM			Worker fractured tibia due to fall from ladder	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
17	19-May-20	Oakville	COMM			Worker fractured foot during trip at project	FALL
18	20-May-20	Moore	INDU			Worker fractured hand when struck by equipment in use	STRUCK BY
19	21-May-20	Ottawa	RAIL			Worker suffered critical injuries during collapse of structure	STRUCK BY
20	21-May-20	North York	HYDR			Worker suffered critical injuries during electrical contact	ELECT. CONTACT
21	21-May-20	Newmarket	INST			Worker fractured arm during trip at project	FALL
22	22-May-20	Toronto	RESM			Worker fractured tibia after fall from platform ladder	FALL
23	25-May-20	North York	RESM			Worker critically injured when struck by debris	STRUCK BY
24	25-May-20	Ottawa	RAIL			Worker suffers multiple fractures to foot when struck by materials	STRUCK BY

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
25	26-May-20	Toronto	PAVE			Worker struck by moving equipment suffers fractured leg	STUCK BY
26	27-May-20	London	RESM			Worker critically injured during fall at project	FALL
27	27-May-20	Toronto	RAIL			Worker fractured wrist when tripped carrying materials	FALL
28	27-May-20	Waterloo	RESM			Worker suffered loss of consciousness during fall	FALL
29	28-May-20	Hawkesbury	ETTL			Worker suffered fracture to leg when struck by materials	STRUCK BY
30	28-May-20	Toronto	INST			Worker fractured ankle when they fell from ladder during descent	FALL
31	29-May-20	Toronto	RAIL			Worker suffered loss of consciousness after fall (caused by heat induced fainting)	OTHER

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
32	30-May-20	Toronto	RESS			Worker critically injured after fall from roof	FALL

Section 5 – Fatal Injuries

Fatal Injuries

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2020 May 1 – 31	2020 January 1 – May 31
Fatal		8+

Injury Type	2019 May 1 – 31	2019 January 1 – May 31
Fatal	0	3

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Total Year-to-Date Fatal Injuries: January 1 – May 31, 2020 (8+)

SECTOR	REPORTED CAUSE	FALL	STRUCK BY	ELECTRICAL CONTACT	EXCAVATION COLLAPSE	MONTH	YEAR
RESS							4
COMM							1
EXCA							1
INDU							1
RESM							1
MONTH							8
YEAR		4	4				

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
1	8-Jan-20	C.West	RESS	Private Contractor	46	Worker fell from ladder while installing security camera	FALL
2	20-Jan-20	C.West	RESS	Gas Fitter	62	Worker fell from ladder while installing gas line at residential project	FALL
3	10-Feb-20	Pickering	RESM	Carpenter	33	Worker struck by collapsing formwork	Struck By
4	28-Feb-20	Toronto	EXCA	Labourer	32	Worker struck by falling piece of equipment during repair	Struck By
5	04-Mar-20	Markham	RESS	Carpenter	55	Worker fell from ladder	FALL
6	04-Mar-20	Toronto	RESS	Roofer	25	Worker fell from roof	FALL

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7	06-Mar-20	Windsor	COMM	Labourer	55	Worker struck by limb during tree removal at project	STRUCK BY
8	13-Mar-20	Toronto	INDU	Labourer	55	Worker crushed while on elevating work platform	STRUCK BY

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.

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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
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