

# Health and Safety eNews

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## New OHS Act comes into effect June 1, 2018

Albertans will see an improved OHS system that better protects workers and ensures they have the same rights as other Canadians. An overview of the changes can be viewed [here](#). The *OHS Act* is available at the [Alberta Queen's Printer](#).

## New OHS information for workers and employers

What are some of the highlights of the new OHS legislation? The following bulletins will help guide you through the new legislative requirements.

[Do I need a joint work site health & safety committee or a health & safety representative?](#)

[Health & safety representatives](#)

[Joint Work Site Health & Safety Committees](#)

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### New

[Do you need a joint work site health and safety committee or representative on multiple work sites?](#)

[OHS Program Delivery Enforcement Policy](#)

[The roles and duties of the prime contractor](#)

## Gas Station Worker Safety

Changes to [improve safety](#) for retail fuel and convenience store workers come into effect June 1, 2018. [An Act to Protect Gas and Convenience Store Workers](#) updates the OHS Code to make the following mandatory in Alberta's fuel and convenience stores:

- pre-payment for fuel
- violence prevention plans

Resources will be provided to help retailers communicate these changes to their customers include:

- postcards for consumers
- mandatory pre-pay stickers for gas pumps
- window decals outlining components of the violence prevention plans

## Health and Safety Committee Training



Employers will be required to have a committee or representative to address health and safety concerns in the workplace as of June 1, 2018. Alberta Labour in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety has developed a [free introductory course](#) for Alberta residents to help committee co-chairs and representatives learn about their roles and responsibilities.

This course will help employers meet their requirements to ensure committee members and representatives have adequate training. Participants will receive a two hour credit and a certificate will be issued upon successful completion. Learn more about the requirements [here](#).



## OHS Publications Online Store

The new enhanced search portal contains OHS bulletins, fact sheets, manuals and other health and safety documents for workers, employers and prime contractors. Search the new portal [here](#).

## OHS Webinars

Learn about changes to Alberta's OHS Act through interactive webinars. To help your understanding of the upcoming legislative changes, additional dates will be posted shortly. Go [here](#) to register or for more information.

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### Incidents Recently Reported to the OHS Contact Centre

These are summaries of selected work-related incidents recently reported to Alberta OHS. They may help you prevent similar incidents. The summaries are based on information obtained as soon as possible after the incident. They are preliminary and subject to change. Because they are being investigated by the employers involved, no additional information will be available.

**Chain hoist fails during lift** Workers were using a chain hoist to raise a 200 lb. pump off of the ground. The chain failed causing the pump to fall. No workers were injured. *Transportation, Communication and Utilities*

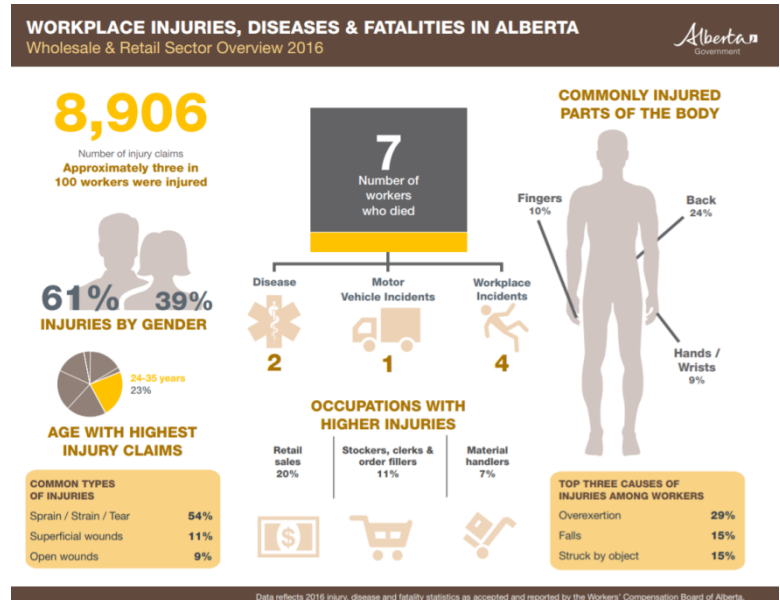
**Worker struck** A worker was struck in the leg by the boom of a concrete pump truck when an air pocket caused the boom to kick back. The worker remained in hospital for more than two days. *Construction and Construction Trades*

**Worker's thumb amputated** A worker was cutting a 2x4 with a circular saw. As the worker moved the saw forward, the blade caught the wood, kicked backwards and severed the worker's thumb. The worker remained in hospital for more than two days. *Construction and Construction Trades*

### Ask an Expert

Have a question or want information?  
[Use the online form](#) or call the OHS Contact Centre

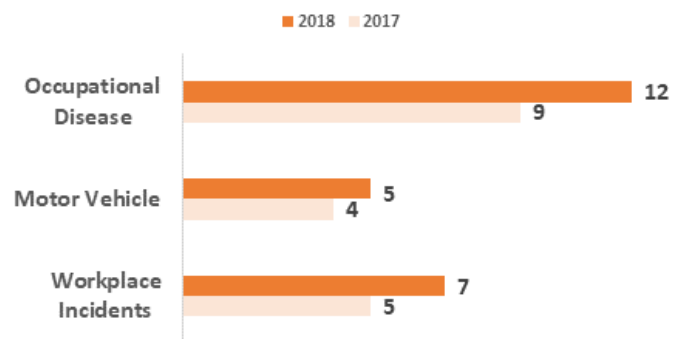
Infographics for 2016 find them [here](#).



### Contact OHS

1-866-415-8690 (toll-free) 780-415-8690 (Edmonton)  
 TTY: 780-427-9999 (Edmonton) TTY: 1-800-232-7215  
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### Fatalities accepted by WCB-Alberta (January to February 28)



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