

30 deaths from injury

IHSA member firms have seen a sharp increase in the number of workplace deaths so far this year. Falls from height and motor vehicle incidents continue to top the list of hazards most connected to these deaths.

In the construction sector, there have been 20 fatalities between January and the end of August this year. This is compared to nine fatalities during the same time period last year.

The vast majority of these incidents were the result of falls. They also include an electrical contact, several types of workplace collapses, heat stress, and a number of other hazards.

The construction sector has seen also 93 critical injuries, compared to 85 for the same time period in 2009. While this is only preliminary data it paints a grim picture.

Other data from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board reveal fatalities from the transportation industry and the electrical and utilities industry. Motor vehicle incidents and falls are the top causes of these fatalities.

These deaths are a dreadful reminder that workplace health and safety must be enforced on every worksite. IHSA, through its catalogue of products and services, and its knowledgeable consultants, can help you identify potential hazards that, if eliminated, may save lives. ●

2010 Traumatic fatalities

Industry	Fatalities
Construction	20
Transportation	8
Electrical & Utilities	2
Total	30

This information is from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and the Ontario Ministry of Labour. It covers the industries served by IHSA at time of printing.



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